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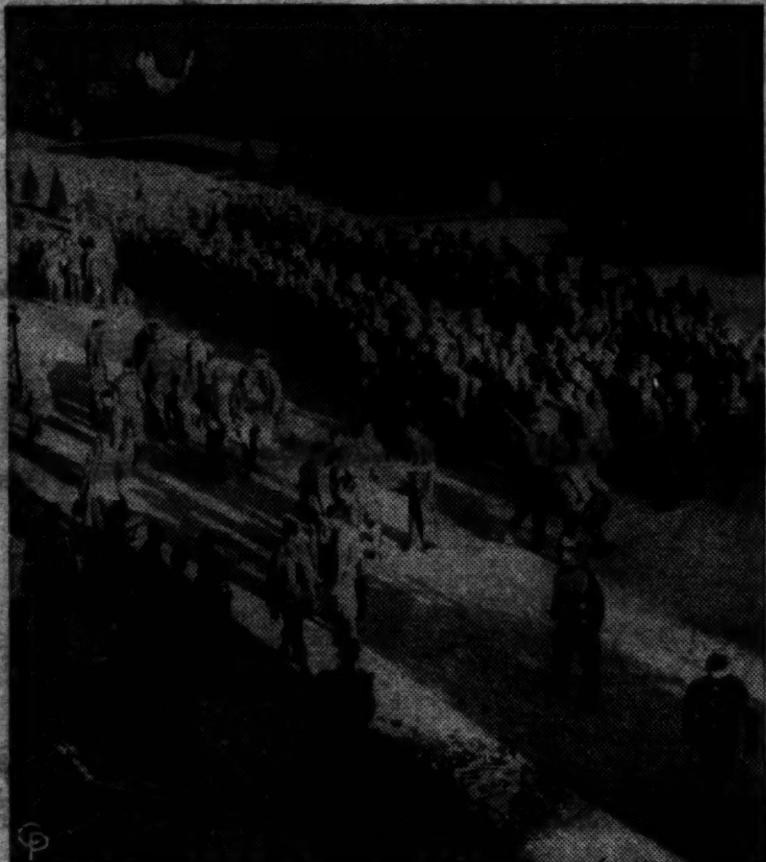
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SOVIETS IN BUCHAREST

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Red Army 31 Miles Past Ploesti

BORDEAUX CAPTURED



Roundup: More than 400 Nazis, last of the enemy groups to resist capture in Paris, are rounded up in the street outside the French Chamber of Deputies where they made their last stand. French and Yank soldiers trapped them and a Nazi general came out waving a flag of truce. Here prisoners are being marched away under guard.

By ROBERT MUSEL

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP).—Liberating Red Army forces today crashed through German lines north of Bucharest and stormed into the city to join their new Romanian allies in freeing the third great European capital from Nazi tyranny.

Sweeping 31 miles south from the blazing oilfields and refineries of Ploesti, troops of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army broke through a virtual encirclement of the city by German troops driven from the capital after Romania's defection from the Axis.

With Rome and Paris already liberated, the battle for a fourth European capital intensified as Moscow reported that Red Army forces had "considerably improved" their positions northeast of Warsaw and Berlin asserted that a Soviet offensive was in the making.

Battling stiff German resistance, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 1st Byelo-Russian Army captured the highway junction of Radzymin, 11 miles northeast of Praga, the capital's eastern borough, and the village of Cegelnia, nine miles northeast.

As a Romanian peace mission conferred in Moscow, Marshal Joseph Stalin announced in an Order of the Day that Red Army forces had "entered" Bucharest and "ensured the safety of the Romanian capital."

Eliminating the German threat to the north of the capital by routing Nazi forces south of Ploesti, the Russians broke the

encirclement and entered the city to find loyal Romanian troops in control.

Marshal Stalin ordered a victory salute of 20 salvos from 324 guns in Moscow tonight for Soviet troops who "liquidated the German threat to the Romanian capital and secured its safety"—a major salute reserved only for great victories and the liberation of capitals.

The city of 648,000 persons, the heart of industrial Romania, fell on the 13th day of the Red Army's pile-driver offensive that has covered more than 220 miles from northern Romania.

Another 7,000 German troops were captured, boosting to more than 323,400 the number of Germans and Romanians taken in the brief offensive that has resulted in the almost complete military and political collapse of Adolf Hitler's Balkan empire.

The Germans were not able to demolish completely the extensive oil installations in Ploesti, although they fired many oil-pits, blew up dozens of pipelines and wrecked several refinery plants, dispatches said.

The correspondent of the newspaper Izvestia said that piles of German corpses and wrecked machines covered virtually every inch of the way to Ploesti and beyond.

Meanwhile, a dispatch to the Moscow newspaper Bolshevik said that Soviet patrols already were operating in East Prussia beyond the Szeszuppe River where Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's 3d Byelo-Russian Army is poised on the border of East Prussia and Lithuania.

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Meuse Crossed Near Belgium

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP).—French Partisan troops have captured the great river port of Bordeaux, the fourth city of France, a communique issued by the French Forces of the Interior said today.

Chambery in southeastern France and Ronnerre in the Yonne department also were captured.

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Aug. 31 (UP).—Tanks of the U. S. First Army stormed across the river Meuse and poured into the historic Ardennes Gap at the Belgian border today after shattering the last German defenses in north France in a great breakthrough drive covering 50 miles.

To the southeast, the American Third Army's armor broke out eastward from

Chalons in a simultaneous offensive and reached the Argonne Forest, scene of the U. S. Army's triumph of the last war,

Allied forces in western France, well ahead of schedule, have liquidated 400,000 Nazi soldiers since D-Day, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower revealed yesterday in an official report to the Anglo-American chiefs of staff. See page 9 for text.

in a race with reeling German columns for the Maginot Line and the West Wall of the Reich itself.

The British Second Army on the western flank struck still another disastrous blow to German arms in France, capturing the big rail junction of Amiens in a lightning drive of 60 miles in 48 hours, and was storming on across the Somme, the

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Chicago Tribune Anti-Soviet Joins Nazis

By OTTO WANGERIN

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Donald Day, for more than 20 years a Chicago Tribune specialist in anti-Soviet scare stories from Riga and other hostile capitals, has now officially joined the Nazis in their war against the United States.

The Federal Communications Commission said yesterday that Day has become a daily broadcaster in the English language on the Berlin radio. The FCC said that a Berlin announcement recorded here stated:

"On Thursday night at 8:15 E.W.T. (7:15 C.W.T.) you will hear for the first

time Donald Day, who for 20 years was European correspondent for the Chicago Tribune's side in the war against Bolshevism.

"Donald Day is well known in America, having informed millions of American readers about developments in Bolshevik Russia, Poland, the Baltic states, Finland and the Scandinavian countries."

Neither Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher, nor A. L. Maloney, managing editor of the Tribune, could be reached for a statement. Replies to repeated phone calls to Tribune Tower said they "were out" and couldn't be reached by phone. It was

obvious that they refused to be interviewed.

Two other Chicago citizens, however, leaders in the fight against the treasonable policy of the Tribune, had comments.

LOGICAL STEP

Elmer Gertz, author of *The People vs. the Chicago Tribune*, a pamphlet widely circulated in this area, said:

"Donald Day has taken the logical next step which might have been predicted in the day when he was the voice of the Tribune in Riga, doing all that he could to disrupt good relations with the nation that might have joined with us in preventing the rise of Hitler

and World War II.

"Col. McCormick prefers to carry on his campaign against the United Nations from the safer environs of the Tribune Tower. He may feel that the Chicago Tribune will endure after the Berlin front crumbles."

Jack Speigel, chairman of the CIO Anti-Tribune Committee and member of the Chicago Executive Board, said:

"This is simply another proof that the Tribune pupil, the arch-liar Donald Day, has firmly reached his goal. To paraphrase it: There goes Bertie McCormick, but for reasons of distance."

GOP and Polltaxers, 162 to 39 Pass Do-Nothing Reconversion Bill

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Gag rule and steamroller tactics prevailed in the House today as the powerful, smooth-functioning coalition of Republicans and die-hard polltax Democrats succeeded in rushing through passage of the do-nothing Ways and Means Committee reconversion bill.

The issue involved was one of the most important to come before the 78th Congress—jobs and full production after the war.

But there was no record vote on passage of the bill and debate was sharply curtailed on the many amendments offered by liberal congressmen. The amendments, aimed at handling human problems in reconversion, were rejected again and again.

Only a handful of congressmen were in the House chamber most of the day. Indeed, there was considerable doubt about whether or not there was a quorum of 217 present in Washington—although Speaker Sam Rayburn ruled at the end that there were 238 members present.

It was believed that one reason a roll call vote was avoided was because of the doubt about the presence of a quorum.

Another reason was that most Republicans and many reactionary Democrats did not want a record vote. The small group of administration Democrats, joined sporadically by about a half dozen Republicans, did not have the strength to force a roll call.

A clique of Republicans led by Rep. Noah Mason, (R-Ill.), former Dies committee stalwart, interrupted Congressmen speaking in favor of amendments with loud shouts of "vote, vote."

Rep. Fritz Kanham, reactionary Texas Democrat, who presided during consideration of the bill, sustained points of order against many amendments including those designed to cover federal workers, seamen and packing shed workers under unemployment compensation.

Lanham even ruled out of order an amendment by Rep. Walter Lynch, to substitute federal grants to the states to help the states plan public works for the loans provided in the committee bill.

Lanham himself made a speech against the Lynch amendment yesterday.

Final passage of the bill came on a voice vote. By a standing vote of 162 to 39 the House voted to substitute the do-nothing Ways and Means Committee bill for the George bill passed by the Senate which was woefully inadequate but far superior to the House bill.

Efforts to force a roll call vote on final passage proved unavailing, as even the few Republicans who had broken party discipline during the day refused to arise in support of the demand for a record vote.

Rep. Norris Paulson (D-Cal.), then offered a motion to recommit the bill. But Paulson failed to ask for a record vote when his motion was voted. And the liberal Democrats who demanded a roll call were too few.

The only immediate hope of labor people and administration congress-

men to improve the House bill is to persuade the Senate to stand firm by the more constructive provisions of the George bill.

NAME CONFEREES

Promptly after passage of the George bill, House conferees were appointed to meet with representatives of the Senate Finance Committee on the contrasting measures passed by the two bodies.

House conferees are Reps. Robert Doughton of North Carolina, Ways and Means Committee chairman, Jere Cooper of Tennessee, Wesley Disney of Oklahoma, John Dingell of Michigan, all Democrats, and Reps. Harold Knutson of Minnesota, Daniel Reed of New York and Roy Woodruff of Michigan, all Republicans.

Dingell was the only one of the group who had opposed the committee bill. He offered early in the day a substitute bill along the lines of amendments proposed by AFL President William Green.

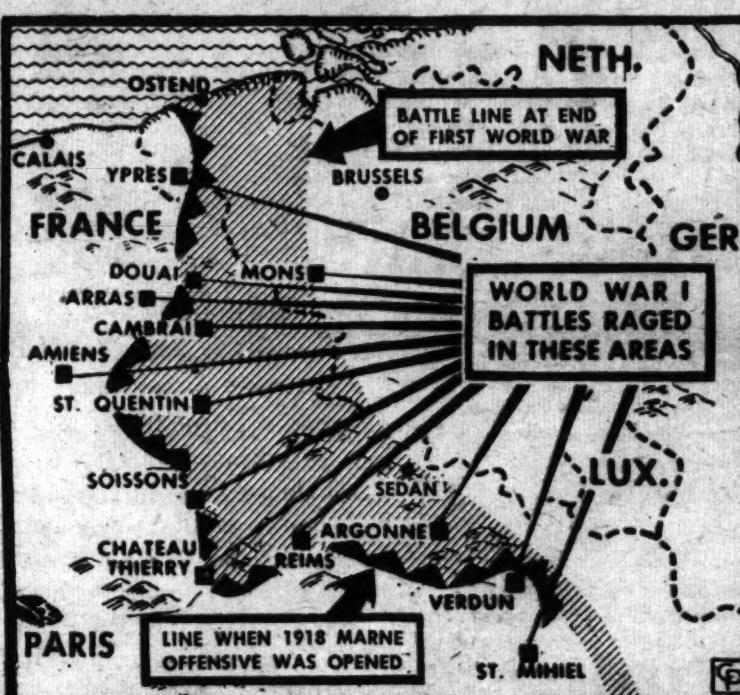
The Dingell substitute was defeated by a vote of 188 to 54. There was not a vigorous fight for the Dingell bill, and Dingell himself told the House that he had not read it but had introduced it at request.

OKAY ONE AMENDMENT

The only amendment approved during the day was one offered by Rep. Thad Wasilewski, Wisconsin Democrat and committee, to restore an advisory committee of labor, management, agriculture and the public on reconversion problem, which had been in the George bill.

The vote on this amendment was 72 to 26, with many Republicans apparently taking the view that in the form offered this committee would not have too much meaning.

Dingell's amendment to have federal unemployment compensation payments so that war workers could get 75 per cent of their wages up to a top of \$20 a week for 26 weeks was defeated by 113 to 41.



The Yanks First Army, reported storming Sedan, has crossed the Meuse River 10 miles from the Belgian border. The U. S. Third Army has reached the Argonne Forest. Amiens was taken by the British yesterday.

Prayer at FEPC Hearing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP).—A Negro pastor today led some 20 followers in silent prayer before a Senate Education and Labor subcommittee hearing on a bill to create

a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee to ban racial and religious discrimination.

The Rev. William H. Jernigan, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, took the chair to testify, and after identifying himself, asked permission of Chairman Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), to introduce other Negro ministers and laymen of his church.

As they rose, Jernigan asked them to "bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer that this bill will pass."

Jernigan later told the committee that jobs must be found for all citizens because "fear of pov-

erty and threats of insecurity are the seeds of fascism, police violence and race riots."

"Jimcrow divides the Negro against poor whites and prevents common unity of the great mass of American workers."

Rt. Rev. John A. Ryan, of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Philadelphia, testified that "Catholics will be discriminated against in employment as unemployment increases."

He criticized labor unions and employers for discriminating against Mexicans and Negroes in job opportunity.

City CIO, Tenant Groups Laud OPA Refusal to Grant 10% Rise in Rents

The Office of Price Administration was commended yesterday by three leading city organizations for its refusal to grant New York landlords a 10 percent rise.

Donegan J. Phillips, president of the Consolidated Tenants League; Clifford Alexander, manager of the Urban Housing Management Association, both of Harlem, and Joseph Curran, president, and Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer, of the Greater New York CIO Council, hailed the OPA action.

The city's real estate owners' petition, pending for months before the national price administrator, was denied Wednesday with the assertion that the requested increase,

in addition to adding a \$100,000,000 burden to rent payers, was unjustifiable.

"We expected the OPA ruling," Phillips said. "The Consolidated Tenants League months ago submitted a brief stating that no vacancies existed and that landlords were reaping a harvest."

He said that the landlords would not get anywhere by calling for a review of the ruling. He declared, however, that the people must watch closely to prevent any "tricks."

Alexander said that, in his opinion, "increased occupancy of buildings has compensated for any increase in operating expenses."

"There is already a tendency for inflation in the real estate market," he said, "and a 10 percent boost would balloon that tendency."

The Greater New York CIO Council urged the OPA "vigorously to meet the appeal planned by the Metropolitan Fair Rent Committee."

"The civic and labor organizations which have opposed the general rent rise will continue to watch the efforts of organized landlords to step up the rent ceilings," the council said. "There is no doubt that landlords will intensify their efforts to obtain hidden rent increases, now that they have been balked."

'Firsters' Incite Hate Of Negroes

By HARRY FAIRNARU

DETROIT, Aug. 31.—The convention of the subversives of the America First Party, today called for wholesale deportation of the Negro people to Africa. This gang of pro-Hitlerites heaped insults upon the Negro people, under the demagogic phraseology, introduced in Plank No. 6 of their platform, as "a homeland in Africa."

Ralph Baerman, of Washington, D. C., the "intellectual" of the America First Party, and chairman of the platform committee, following in the footsteps of Silver Shirter Homer Maerts of Chicago, who recommended deportation and sterilization of the Jews, warned the American people that if the Negroes are not sent back to Africa "many of us will have grandchildren and great grandchildren with a strain of Negro blood." Baerman read this from the platform on Negroes, and reiterated that Negroes and whites cannot live together, that "it is unfair to both races to live together."

CALL TO CIVIL STRIFE

This plank, translated into unadulterated Hitlerite language, is nothing but a call to civil strife and insurrection. The 200 odd delegates shouted their approval.

It was evident that Silver Shirter Maerts' resolution on Jews was bound to give Gerald L. K. Smith's outfit some trouble. Thereupon, Smith took the floor and stated that the recommendations from the floor are not binding, although he is glad that "the delegates took the lid off and are earnestly seeking a solution to the Jewish problem."

Speaker after speaker of this gang of subversives came out in praise and in defense of the seditionists now on trial at Washington.

Gerald L. K. Smith was nominated, as expected, for the presidency of the United States, on the America First Party ticket. The nominating speech was made by Leeland L. Marion, pastor of the Christian Temple for Governor of Michigan, who said he was "Smith's friend for the last 25 years."

LINDBERGH'S ATTITUDE

Smith revealed in his acceptance speech that he tried to offer the candidacy to Charles A. Lindbergh, but that Lindbergh refused.

But listen to what Smith said in this connection:

"I visited with Charles A. Lindbergh until 2 in the morning, trying to get him to be our candidate, but he told me that while he is in full agreement with principles of the America First group, he felt he had to keep out of politics temporily."

Smith said he tried to get Senator Burton Wheeler to accept, but Wheeler told him he was "too old to carry on an active political campaign." Smith also tried Senator Robert R. Reynolds, but he was not successful.

Harry Romer, of St. Henry, Ohio, was chosen as the candidate for the vice-presidency. He was introduced as a "true America Firster, a close friend and adviser of Fr. Charles E.

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last of the great river barriers before the Rhine.

The fall of Amiens sealed off 100 miles of the French robot bomb coast and promised early extinction of its cruel fire on England.

Meanwhile, French armored columns, in a spectacular 82-mile thrust through southwestern France, smashed to within 47 miles of the Spanish border today, while American troops captured Valence in an 11-mile advance up the Rhone valley and rolled on toward Lyon.

The lightning drive down the Gulf of Lion west of Marseille by Gen. Jean de Latte de Tassigny's French rolled over Montpellier, Beziers and Narbonne.

NICE TAKEN

More than 200 miles to the east, American troops pushing along the Riviera captured Nice without a shot and moved to 10 miles of the Italian border.

Lack of major enemy opposition to the 82-mile French drive from Nimes to Narbonne indicated that the Nazis had made a complete withdrawal from southwestern France.

The main German forces were believed fleeing toward the "Lyon gate," 200 miles to the northeast, in a desperate effort to reach that exit before it is choked off by the American drive up the Rhone.

STORMING SEDAN

To the north, a front dispatch from Henry T. Gorrell of the United Press said that Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First Army Yanks were storming the frontier fortresses of Sedan and Mezieres-Charleville.

Will Pray for Danzig Jews

In observance of the fifth anniversary of the Nazi invasion of the Free City of Danzig, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America will hold special prayers tomorrow (Saturday) on behalf of the destroyed Jewish Community of that city. A display of part of the Danzig Collection of Jewish ceremonial and religious objects, of which the Seminary is custodian, will be held in the Fifth Avenue window of the Scribner Book Store, beginning today.

There are 52 Torah scrolls in the Danzig collection, including a Passover dish, dated Pesaro, Italy, 1615, a brass plate for Pidyon ha-Ben (redemption of the first-born son), a silver Hanukkah Lamp in a carved wooden box for travelling, and a wedding seat presented to the Danzig Synagogue in 1838.

Tito Reported Mapping Plans To Meet Advancing Red Army

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP).—Yugoslav Partisans reported today capture of Kolasin, Montenegro, and said a German attempt to break through near Bilece had been repulsed.

(UPI) reported the Yugoslav radio had outlined a campaign to bring Tito's forces northward in Serbia to meet the Soviet armies already advancing through Romania. The front, the broadcast said, extends in a semi-circle from Uzice in western Serbia to a point north of Bojicavac, near the Romanian border.

The British radio recorded by CBS, said Tito's forces were in the



Hitting 31 miles south of Ploesti, the Soviet 2d Ukrainian Army entered Bucharest (1) liquidating German forces in the northern suburbs. Romanian troops are already fighting against Hungarians at the passes leading into Transylvania (2) while Soviet troops now threaten the Tatar Pass leading into Hungary (3).

German Charnel House Revealed Near Paris

(The following dispatch is the first filed directly from Paris by press wireless, which has transferred its portable transmitter from Normandy to the capital.)

PARIS, Aug. 31 (UP).—Gen. Charles de Gaulle's organ, "Combat," today announced discovery of a new German charnel house at Issy Le Moulineux in the suburbs of Paris where four bodies of tortured

Frenchmen already have been disinterred from the dirt floors of the big military buildings in which the Germans used chained men for live target practice.

Human beings were lashed by the neck to wooden stumps on the practice range of the 108-yard-long drill hall, then shot with explosive bullets, Combat charged.

The newspaper said the stumps bear the splintered evidence of such ammunition.

Before being killed, the paper said, the prisoners were stripped and tied to electrically-charged grillworks. The current made them shriek and hurl themselves against the wall in an effort to escape but the Germans whipped them back. There were two halls used by the

Germans for tortures and executions. One was used for the burial of victims and the stench of decay was overpowering, Combat said.

Near the torture grills a woman's comb, a crucifix and a tricolor rosette were found, indicating women as well as men had been tortured.

WLB Refers Mine Strike To President

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31 (UP).—A new outbreak of unauthorized strikes hit coal mines in central Pennsylvania today as John L. Lewis pressed his drive to gain bargaining rights for supervisory workers despite referral of the dispute to the White House by the National War Labor Board.

Roving pickets, traveling afoot and by automobile, closed down four more pits, increasing the number of idle mines to 17, with approximately 9,200 men forced out of work and production loss estimated at 45,000 tons daily.

The new walkouts came after the WLB referred the crisis to the White House when its efforts to persuade the men to return to work met with failure. John McAlpine, president of the United Clerical, Technical and Supervisory Workers, a unit of the United Mine Workers' District 50, questioned the board's authority to order a resumption of work.

Although a strike vote ended yesterday in a tie, pickets in two automobiles shut down the Imperial Coal Corp. mine at Nettleton, and the Springfield Coal Corp. No. 1 mine, which had voted against a strike. The Beaver Dam and South Fork mines also were reported closed by picketing.

Seven mines of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Co., employing 4,005 men and producing 19,945 tons daily, were down, with the company's Helvetia mine in Clearfield County the only pit operating.

The WLB said it was forced to send the problem to President Roosevelt after it had received an "unsatisfactory" answer to its demand that the strike end from McAlpine.

Almost all of eastern Czechoslovakia has been freed, the Czechoslovak Information Service revealed here yesterday on the basis of reports constantly reaching the Czechoslovak government in London from inside the embattled country.

The uprising took place in Slovakia, German-created puppet state covering the eastern part of Czechoslovakia. It is under the direct leadership of a commander appointed by Czechoslovakian Minister of Defense, Sergej Ingr.

This commander was sent into Slovakia some time ago, the Benes government now reveals, and it was he who gave orders to guerrilla groups, Czechoslovak Army parachutists sent both from the west and the east, as well as to members of the so-called Slovak army to start action.

Last week he ordered the patriots to rise up against the puppet Slovak government headed by Dr. Joseph Tiso, and hinder the German army from occupying communications and production centers.

FLARE UP IN MARCH

Partisan activities, it is recalled in a cable from the Czechoslovak government in London, assumed major proportions in March when the Red Army reached the Carpathians, just east of Czechoslovak territory. At that time many Czechoslovaks joined the Red Army, forming whole brigades.

The beginnings of major guerrilla activities, it is important to remember, also followed President Edward Benes' trip to the Soviet Union and his message to the State Council on Feb. 3, 1944. At that time, possibly in response to critical statements made by Clement Gottwald, Czechoslovak Communist deputy now in the Soviet Union, he said:

"We must realize it would be wrong for our people at home to sit waiting for things to happen. In this war the decisive moment is now approaching when everybody, everywhere, without exception, must participate in the struggle in every possible way and by every possible means."

Action was intensified following German disasters in the Soviet Union and the mass evacuation of German troops and civilians who flooded Czechoslovak roads and hospitals.

RISINGS IN GARRISONS

Uprisings spread rapidly among Slovak military garrisons, the cable declared. This blasted Hitler's attempt, through formation of a special government, to pit Slovaks against Czechs and sub-Carpathians all of whom make up the Czechoslovak nation.

Yesterday the Czechoslovak National Council meeting in London drew attention to this, declaring in a telegram to Vice-President Caplovik, who is a Slovak: "True Slovaks have never been misled to abandon their common cause with Czechs and sub-Carpathians." (Sub-Carpathians are also called Sub-Carpatho-Russians or Carpatho-Ruthenians.)

Not only did Slovak soldiers desert the puppet army and come, with their arms, to the guerrillas, but Slovak police also refused to carry out the orders of Tiso's gov-

ernment at Bratislava. Tiso declared martial law last Thursday.

After that, yesterday's London cable stated, "even those Slovaks who remained tolerant toward the Bratislava government were now ready to join the forces of liberation."

OPEN BATTLES

Open battles are still raging. The Czechoslovak armed forces in Slovakia have already issued two official communiques, describing heavy fighting in Zilina, Povazska, Bystrica, Nitrein, Trnava, Galanta, Luezec and other districts. The second communique says all Slovakia, except the eastern and western borders, has been liberated.

Zilina, 95 miles northeast of Bratislava, is the most important railroad junction in central Slovakia. At Trnava, 20 miles northeast of Bratislava, the enemy threw in armor in an attempt to hold that vital railroad point. Partisan forces have occupied Cadca, a key communications junction south of Jablunka Pass leading to Moravia and Silesia.

Galanta and Luezec, it is important to note, are on territory taken from Czechoslovakia by Hungary in 1939. Thus Czechoslovak patriots are fighting Hungarians from the north while the Soviet armies have been reported moving on Hungary from the east, and the Romanians are fighting to free Transylvania from the south.

ASK ARMS

Wednesday night's meeting of the Czechoslovak Cabinet in London decided to ask Allied military chiefs to send the fighting patriots in Slovakia adequate equipment and military assistance. The cabinet also announced that all patriots now fighting Nazis must be regarded as members of the regular Czechoslovak Army.

Calling upon the people throughout Czechoslovakia to extend their uprising against the Germans, foreign Minister Jan Masaryk broadcast an appeal to "remember Lidice and other atrocities."

And the government of Premier Benes appealed to Czechoslovak patriots in a broadcast Wednesday night:

"The Red Army is near. Maintain the fight and you will win."

Tree Blown Down And Back

FARMINGTON, Minn. (UP).—A bad storm blew a tree down on John Errington's farm. That isn't unusual, but a week later a storm from the opposite direction blew it up again almost into its original position. Neighbors are wondering whether it will take root and live.

Demonstrations Shake Argentine's GOU Rule

The arrest of Gen. Arturo Rawson, original leader of the Argentine June, 1943, putsch, on charges of participation in popular demonstrations celebrating the liberation of Paris, was seen here yesterday as an indication of the all-embracing nature of those demonstrations.

Close to 300,000 Buenos Aires patriots last week celebrated Paris' freedom by demanding their own.

Gen. Rawson, was president of Argentina for less than two days in June 1943. He is considered a military figure around whom opposition to the GOU clique may crystallize.

Rawson, was sentenced to eight days house detention, charged with joining the popular demonstrations in uniform.

His defense was that the crowd simply formed behind him.

Whatever the actual details in the case—the general's identification with the popular feeling for freedom is another blow to the pro-fascist Argentine government's crumbling prestige.

Sharkey in Council Offers Bill to Back 'Little Steel' Change

New York City Councilman Joseph T. Sharkey, majority leader and vice-chairman, has introduced a resolution favoring the demand of steel, auto and U.E. unions for modification of the Little Steel Formula, and calling upon New York City Congressmen for similar support.

The resolution is now before the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections and a public hearing will probably be held.

The Sharkey resolution resolves, that "the Council of the City of New York record itself as favoring the application of these workers for a wage adjustment to meet increased living costs now pending before the National War Labor Board, and be it further."

"Resolved, That the view of this Council be conveyed to the members of Congress from the City of New York."

The CIO seeks approval of this resolution as a part of the program of the joint CIO Committee in this area to rally popular as well as labor support behind the application for a 17 cent increase in basic wage rates, and a guaranteed annual wage, now before the National War Labor Board.

The joint committee, headed by CIO Regional Director Pete Moseley, has already sent to President Roosevelt the first batch of petitions, with 20,000 names, supporting these demands.

Repeat There's No Epidemic

Rumors of an impending poliomyelitis epidemic in New York City and New York state were scotched yesterday by the local and state departments of health.

The New York City Department of Health said that from Jan. 1 to Aug. 25, 1944, only 756 cases of infantile paralysis had been reported, as compared with 2,000 reported in 1935 and the 9,000 reported in 1916, both epidemic years.

The New York State Department of Health said that 1,657 cases had been reported for the entire year in all parts of the state exclusive of New York City.

A joint statement issued by the New York State Department of Health and the Department of Education said there was no justification for postponing the opening of the schools, since delay in opening the schools would not alter the course of the disease and since the disease would be on the downswing when the schools are scheduled to open.

Around the Corner

SOUTHBIDGE, Mass. (UP).—During five of the summer's hottest days, a hardware dealer here sold six sleds.

Ku Klux Hand Seen in Florida Assault Case; 3 Negroes Held

GAINESVILLE, Fla. Aug. 31.—Three Negro boys went on trial today on charges of assaulting a soldier's wife after taking her from an automobile enroute to Quincy. A previous trial scheduled for Aug. 24 in Quincy was prevented by "unofficial parties" who blocked the roads between Tallahassee and Quincy, according to the Jacksonville Journal.

Progressives here say that the Ku Klux Klan, supposedly disbanded but actually still alive, is attempting to incite a wave of anti-Negro, lynch hysteria over the alleged assault.

The court room yesterday was heavily guarded.

Fred Lane, 19, James Davis, 16, and James Williams, 26, the defendants, were not arrested at the scene and identification is based on scanty "evidence."

Gov. Spessard L. Holland of Florida has been receiving appeals

to furnish adequate protection for

the boys during the trial to "prevent a stain such as the one of the Celos

Harrison lynching." A. W. Trainor,

president of the Florida Press and

Educational League, wired an

urgent appeal to invoke the state

statutes to control the lynch in-

citors." Trainor declared that war

unity demands that this be done.

An editorial in the Jacksonville

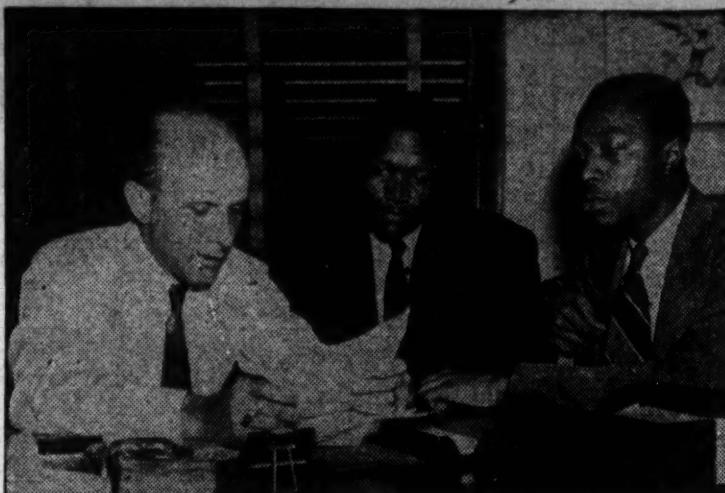
Journal Aug. 24 commended Gov.

Holland for his action against "the

possibility of a lynching." "Florida

wants no mob violence," the edi-

torial declares.



Harvey Steel, 26, and Isaac G. McNatt, 27, both of New York, meet with Leo Perlis, national director of the CIO War Relief Committee, to plan an appeal to the Navy for review of the discharge of 15 Negroes from the Seabees. Steel and McNatt, both New Yorkers, were among the 15.

Policy Ass'n for China Unity

A significant attempt is apparently being made by the American government to reconcile the government of Chiang Kai-shek with the Chinese Communists and bring cooperation with the Communist forces, estimated at 500,000, according to the latest bulletin of the Foreign Policy Association.

"It is an appalling fact that despite Japan's success in taking the key points of Changsha, Loyang and Hengyang within the last three months, there is still no cooperation between the main bodies of China's troops," the bulletin says.

"Indeed, many divisions of the Central Government's soldiers are still blockading the Communist areas.

"The arrival of an American military mission at Yenan, nerve center of the Communist area in China, suggests increasing determination of the State Department and our military leaders to prevent China's internal problems from impeding essential war operations.

"Colonel Davis Barrett, head of the mission, stated when he arrived at Yenan: 'We have come here to study how these people have been able to keep the superior - armed Japanese at bay for seven years.'

"This declaration is all the more significant because some military and political leaders in Chungking have publicly argued that the Communists do not fight. Such is clearly not the view of the United States Army.

"This development is intimately linked with the launching of our B-29 Superfortress raids, for the Communist areas could provide excellent bases against the enemy's 'inner zone' in north China, Manchuria, Korea and the Japanese homeland.

"If the guerrilla regions of north and central China are to make their maximum contribution in the war," says the FPA bulletin, "two steps are necessary:

"The Central Government must lift its blockade on supplies for the Eighth Route and New Fourth Armies, and it must grant permission to the American authorities to work with those armies in the same way as with other Chinese forces."

Around the Corner

SOUTHBIDGE, Mass. (UP).—During five of the summer's hottest days, a hardware dealer here sold six sleds.

Ask Navy Review For 15 Discharged Negroes

Irving Abramson, chairman of the National CIO War Relief Committee, has asked Secretary of the Navy James F. Forrestal for a speedy review of the case of the 15 Negro Seabees discharged last October from the Navy as "undesirable" by reason of being "unfit."

Abramson has applied for review of their cases under Section 301 of the 1944 Servicemen's Readjustment Act, which provides a five-man board of review for discharges or dismissals except those ordered by a general court-martial.

In his letter to Forrestal, Abramson requested that a CIO representative be present at the review, and said, in part:

"It seems to me, on the basis of the evidence in the case of these men, revealed in the press and through affidavits sworn to by them, that their treatment by the Navy has been a result of an attitude held toward them, not as individuals but as members of the Negro race."

BIAS CHARGED

"They have been segregated from white members of the Seabees because of color, they have received unequal treatment and consideration from their officers, and the facilities put at their disposal in camp have been different from those offered white servicemen."

The Seabees said they were discharged immediately after discussing the segregation and other racial problems at their base with their white commanding officer. They were issued "yellow" discharges, which denies the recipient rights and benefits granted honorably discharged servicemen, such as mustering out pay and post-service education. In addition, the men have had trouble getting jobs because of the stigma attached to their discharges.

Laying Pearl Harbor To FDR Called 'Dirty'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP).—Rep. George E. Outland (D-Cal.) today described as "cheap, vicious, rotten and dirty" a charge of Clarence Budington Kelland, Republican national committeeman from Arizona, that President Roosevelt was responsible for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Kelland made the charge yesterday in a speech at Montpelier, Vt.

Speaking in the House as though addressing Kelland, Outland said: "If you believe what you are saying, sir, you are a fool. If you don't, you are a liar."

Air Talk Labor Day By Joseph Curran

Joseph Curran, CIO vice-president and president of the National Maritime Union, whose members have taken a place of honor in the nation's roster of heroes, will discuss labor's role in the war and postwar in a broadcast over Mutual Broadcasting System from the fifth constitutional convention of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, in Philadelphia, at 2:15 p.m. on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Supply Flow Keeps Up With Drive in France

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP).—Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said today he believed the flow of supplies would continue to keep up with the Allied troops in western France and enable them to maintain the pace of their offensive.

Patterson said that so far supply problems have not held up Allied progress.

His statement at a press conference today reinforced the belief he expressed in a broadcast last night that victory in Europe is "sure by the end of 1944 if everyone does his part."

Bridges for streams in France were assembled in Britain and moved across the Channel ready for the designated places. Engineers laid oil pipelines at the rate of 70 miles a day.

Oil is being pumped in pipes across western France up to positions not far behind Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's "charging tanks," Patterson revealed.

CASUALTY REPORT

Late July's heavy fighting in northern France caused a sharp increase of 23,249 over the total reported a week ago.

Patterson also disclosed that the fighting in southern France, from the landings on Aug. 15 through Aug. 24 had cost the Americans 1,242 killed or missing and 5,000 wounded.

Patterson's announcements brought to 349,523 the number of casualties thus far announced here for all services since Pearl Harbor.

Boston to Hear Ropes On Trade With Russia

BOSTON, Aug. 31. — Ernest C. Ropes, Russian specialist of the U.S. Department of Commerce, will discuss Russia and postwar markets at a dinner meeting at the Statler Hotel Sept. 28, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Sponsors of the meeting include Gov. Saltonstall, Dr. Karl Compton, Henry I. Harriman, and other Boston notables.

No New Bus Tires in Manhattan, Bronx

Because of the critical truck tire shortage, P. N. Simmons, regional director of the Office of Defense Transportation's Highway Transport Department, yesterday informed the OPA New York Area Truck Tire Rationing Board that ODT could not recommend release of new bus tires for use in Manhattan and the Bronx.

News Capsules

Cough Spans 9 Years

At Rome, Ga., Mary Rose Tankersly, 15, coughed up a pin which she had swallowed when she was six years old. At that time her mother did not believe she had swallowed the pin. A few months ago an X-ray revealed the pin lodged in her right lung and doctors prepared to operate. The pin was pointless and rusty.

At Andover, Mass., five workers were injured when the Boston and Maine R. R. power handcar they were riding derailed. It hit a pile of rocks put there by three boys ranging in age from eight to 10. The boys told police they wanted to stop a train the way villains in comic adventure books do it.

The news of the Duchess of Windsor's appendectomy was announced like a world-shaking event yesterday. A short item early in the day announced it was expected. A second bulletin

followed saying it had been successful. Then came a report by Dr. Joe R. Clements stating the Duchess had had the operation after consultations between Dr. Henry Cave of New York and Dr. Lay Martin of Baltimore at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel Wednesday afternoon, and that Dr. Cave performed the operation and Dr. Martin was present. Still another story stated reports that the Duchess was receiving unusual hospital and nursing facilities were "entirely unfounded." Then came explanation that she is only occupying a single room with one nurse for each eight-hour shift.

The month-long whiskey holiday ended last night and a liquor industry spokesman stated that "no one had to worry about where his next bottle is coming from." Unofficial estimates indicated that between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 gallons for civilian use was produced during the month.



— Union Lookout —

- Christmas Packages
- Marines Praise NMU Crew

by Dorothy Loeb

Unions preparing Christmas boxes for shipment to servicemen might well be guided by Red Cross suggestions. Books, especially pocket editions, head their list. Other items: windproof cigaret lighters, durable slippers, writing portfolio and fountain pen, dog tag chains of silver or other non-tarnishable metal, pocket combs, pocket-size games, sheet music, playing cards and small easy-to-play musical instruments.

Mailing dates for Christmas packages are Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Size must be no more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length girth together. Ready to mail, the packages should weigh no more than five pounds. The Red Cross adds: don't put anything in you wouldn't want traveling or camping. Candy, gum or salted peanuts should be sent in airtight tins. Don't send fruit cake to the tropics. Tin it for other areas.

The Retail Drug Store Employees Union Local 1199 is now located at 1545 Broadway. . . . Local 830, Retail and Wholesale Employees, reports a new contract at Hecht's New York store, which it says is one of the best in the country. . . . The USES claims it broke all previous monthly records in July by filling 163,500 jobs in New York state, 25 percent more than the previous all-time high last September. . . . John Antiga, son of an African chief, is an installation machinist at Federal Shipyards where the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilders is bargaining agent. He came all the way from the Niger River area, West Africa, to help build ships to beat the fascists.

The Socialist Call has discovered an anti-Roosevelt trend in the ranks of labor. Louis Nelson, manager of Knitgoods Local of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and Sam Marino, manager of Barber and Beauty Culturists Union Local 1, have come out for, guess who?—Norman Thomas. Both said that they spoke as individuals and not for their unions. No kidding.

Wives, friends and relatives of CIO packinghouse workers have joined the fight to help them get a raise. They held a meeting of their own in Chicago last week and sent a hot resolution to Armour, Wilson, Swift and Cudahy, the big four in the meat packing business, telling why a favorable decision is a necessity in a pending War Labor Board wage case. . . . The Screen Office and Professional Employees Guild and the Screen Publicists Guild wrote Darryl F. Zanuck sending a scroll for his production of Wilson.

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2 More of Brownell's Anti-PAC 'Revols' Explode

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Another Chicago Tribune story of a "revolt" against the CIO's Political Action Committee was exposed here in a statement issued by the District Council of the United Packinghouse Workers.

District President Herbert March made public a statement of Local 25 issued by its president Sam Parks and approved unanimously at a meeting of the district council.

A Tribune story, Aug. 28, sought to present the anti-PAC statements of one Dock Williams, member of Local 25, as representative of the union as a whole.

The Local 25 statement expressed surprise at the "obviously lying story" noting that Williams was kicked out of office in the union by a three to one vote "because of mishandling of the affairs and funds of his local."

Ross, according to the Tribune, complained of a PAC collection of funds although its drive for voluntary dollar contributions was not even scheduled to get started until Labor Day. Ross had friendly words, however, for the candidacy of Rep. Fred Church with whom Sidney Hillman exchanged sharp words during the House campaign expenditures committee investigation of PAC last Monday.

Declaring that Williams spoke only for himself, the Local 25 statement said that:

"Every discredited and not-too-honest stooge they can recruit and recruit becomes a front page hero."

"It seems strange to us," the statement went on, "that in some mysterious fashion, Mr. Williams, who lives on the far South Side of Chicago, suddenly becomes intimately acquainted with Mr. Church, in the silk stocking Evans-ton district, and comes as his "Sunday visitor."

"It is further strange that this self appointed savior of the Negro People, Mr. Dock Williams (and we know that not to be his true name), has suddenly come to embrace the man who voted to dismiss William Pickens, Negro leader, from the Treasury Department; who voted for the Smith Connally anti-Labor Bill; who voted against a Federal Soldier Ballot; who voted against OPA and thus allowed prices to rise, and in short against Labor and the Nation in 19 out of 20 key bills."

Smith to the Rescue

GARFIELD, Minn. (UP).—The village blacksmith rescued Howard Gease, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gease, when he got lodged in a cream can. Howard went into the can after a ball and couldn't get out. The blacksmith opened the side of the can and spread it wide, freeing Howard and his ball.

Hen Chooses Car

GREELEYVILLE, S. C. (UP).—A Greeleyville resident, hearing a commotion in his car, lifted the hood to let out a squawking hen who had laid an egg on the engine.

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GARY, Ind., Aug. 31.—Contrary to a report carried in the Chicago Tribune, no "revolt" against the CIO initiated National Citizens Political Action Committee is brewing in the ranks of the United Steelworkers Gary locals, it was learned here yesterday.

Chairman Herbert Brownell of the National Republican Committee made the "Gary Revolt" the subject of a special press conference Tuesday. The story was featured on the front pages of many newspapers from coast to coast.

Of the 12 steel locals in this area, all have been on record for a long time in support of CIO-PAC, including the American bridge plant local 1117 which passed a technical motion to lay on the table a communication received from PAC.

Grievance chairman Chester L. Midgett taking advantage of the absence of president Tony Dalzotto, who was on vacation, was able to get that motion passed at a sparsely attended meeting last week.

A SMALL LOCAL

Local 1117 with 1,500 members, is one of the smaller steel locals. Midgett represents a very small minority of its members.

Top offices of the USWA, including Joseph Goin, Gary sub-district director, who also heads the Northwestern Indiana and Gary city units of the NCPAC, said that Midgett's statement to the Chicago Tribune was merely "an expression of his own personal sentiments" Goin said that "more than 80 percent" of 1117 members are pro-NCPAC and that Midgett has been severely taken to task by a large majority of the American bridge plant unionists for "sounding off" to the Tribune without authority and in a manner suggesting he was speaking for the rank and file.

GROPPERGRAMS



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Steelmen Hear Postwar Forum

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Aug. 31.—City Councilman George Reussner and Sam Donchin, Eastern Pennsylvania Communist Political Association president led a forum on Reconversion and Reelection before a number of Bethlehem steelworkers in Croatian Hall here last Friday night.

"We all want steady work at a living wage," said Reussner. "During reconversion, there may be a little lull and some lay-offs. Now is the time for the city to prepare to take up the slack." He outlined a 12-million dollar city improvement program.

Donchin stressed the need for more customers in a greatly expanded foreign market to provide full employment for Bethlehem steelworkers, and urged a continuation of national unity and a non-partisan election campaign for Roosevelt.

"The democratic world that is rising out of this war will not do business with a Hoover imperialist USA. They will do the maximum trade only with a democratic American, cooperating as good neighbors in the spirit of Roosevelt."

The crowd asked for more such non-partisan forums, and it was announced that William Z. Foster will be among the speakers at another discussion on Oct. 1.

Recall Lincoln Parade

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (UP).—Mrs. Sarah E. Pratt, 95, and her sister, Mrs. Linda Ellis, 89, well remember the torchlight parade with which Plymouth celebrated the election of President Abraham Lincoln.

Virginia AFL Wires Executive Council: Take Stand for FDR

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 31.—The executive board of the Virginia State Federation of Labor has sent an appeal to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor that the council endorse Roosevelt and Truman. The AFL council is now meeting in Chicago.

This action, said the Virginia resolution, would "express the profound wishes, desires and needs of the millions of members of the AFL and all labor and the common people."

The Virginia executive board also announced that it will support the state's "committee of 100" for re-election of Roosevelt, charging that the machine of Senator Byrd "has shown by its actions at the state and national conventions of the Democratic Party that it opposes the President and his policies; that it is overriding the will of the overwhelming majority of the citizens of this commonwealth and that it cannot be trusted to conduct a real campaign for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket."

The State Federation named representatives to work in the committee of 100.

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TWO OF A KIND



Communist Anniversary

ALMOST every day brings new anniversaries of great moments in history. Today, for example, is the fifth anniversary of Hitler's attack on Poland, which opened the first phase of the immense conflict that is now turning victoriously against German fascism. But there is another anniversary today, which few American newspapers will note but which we consider of great meaning to our nation and our times. That is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Communist movement in the United States.

Seen against the canvas of a generation's struggle, and the contribution of American Communists in this war, this event was of far-reaching importance in the nation's history. It was the first organized group of Americans to approach our country's problems from the vantage-point of Marxism-Leninism. Overcoming all their difficulties, these men and women built a movement out of which comes the Communist Political Association of today.

The pioneer work of an industrial trade union movement, the heroic fight for the rights of the Negro people, the long and painful battle for Soviet-American understanding stands out in greater relief when we consider America's advances in this war.

Labor has grown in strength and stature; the Negro people are increasingly solving their problems within the framework of the general democratic advance; American-Soviet friendship has become national policy in this war and the key to victory and world reconstruction—all this confirms the work and policies of American Communists.

Clarity, unity, leadership is what the Communists give to labor and the nation today. They are best embodied in the Communist president, Earl Browder, who is the symbol of the movement's growth to maturity, of the standards by which Communists tackle problems, and the standard-bearer through whom the Communists are judged by the nation.

Armed with its experience, honoring all those who helped build it, the American Communists go forward with the nation.

They Want Marc

ANOTHER little arrangement between forces of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and anti-Roosevelt Democrats blew up with the announcement that nominating petitions of Lt. Robert C. Palmer to run as an independent against Rep. Vito Marcantonio were invalidated. The board of elections unanimously threw them out when it found that less than half of the required 3,000 names were valid.

Thomas Curran, Dewey's candidate for the Senate, and Martin Kennedy, whom Marcantonio defeated in the primaries, arranged to pull resources together behind Palmer, the Republican. Hard as they tried, they couldn't find enough voters in the district to even qualify Palmer as a candidate.

This is more than a tribute to "Marc," who won the nomination of the three major tickets. It gives evidence that the people are guided by issues—above all by a win-the-war policy and support for Roosevelt.

Nearing World Labor Unity

R. J. THOMAS, president of the United Automobile Workers, one of the six labor leaders just returned from the war fronts, brought back the heartening news that leaders of the British Trades Union Congress and the CIO agree on the need for early convening of an international gathering of labor unions.

Having seen at first hand the surge of liberation that the Allied victories have released among the people, Thomas views such a world labor gathering as urgent.

Most of the major labor organizations in the world have now renewed a desire for the conference, which was postponed because of D-Day. No time should be lost. The immediate move should bring together at least the heads of the British, Soviet and CIO unions.

Thomas also brought some news that ought make AFL members boil with rage. Frank Fenton, one of the AFL leaders in the delegation, told a British labor luncheon that the AFL would not meet with the Soviet trade unions. He left behind him only disgust for the clique of reactionaries he is associated with. It is to be hoped that the trade unionists of Europe are aware that the great majority of the AFL membership never received a chance to voice its sentiment. Where they had a chance they spoke out against the Fentons and Matthew Wolls.

Marxism: A Theory of Deeds

Today marks the 25th anniversary of the Communist movement in America. We note the event by reprinting these thoughts by Earl Browder, in his summary at the National Committee meeting of Jan. 9, 1944.

I THINK we must emphasize more than ever the tremendous value of the classics of Marxism in arming ourselves to meet and solve the new and unprecedented problems. Marxism never was a series of dogmas and formulas; it never was a catalogue of prohibitions listing the things we must not do irrespective of new developments and new situations; it does not tell us that things cannot be done; it tells us how to do the things that have to be done, the things that history has posed as necessary and indispensable tasks.

Marxism is a theory of deeds, not of don'ts. Marxism is therefore a positive, dynamic, creative force, and it is such a great social power precisely because, as a scientific outlook and method, it takes living realities as its starting point. It has always regarded the scientific knowledge of the past as a basis for meeting the new and unprecedented problems of the present and the future. And the largest problems today are new in a very basic sense.

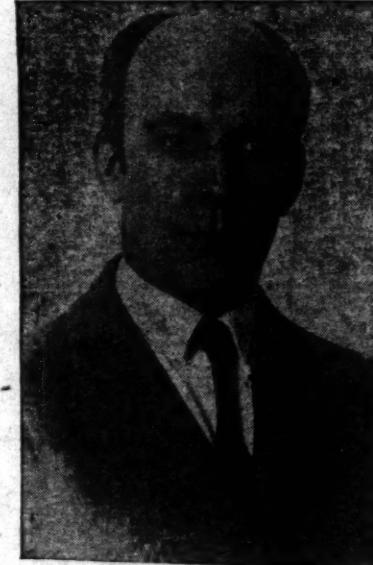
SCIENCE OF SOCIALISM

We have more than ever the task to refresh ourselves in the great tradition of Marxism, completely freeing ourselves from the last remnants of the dogmatic and schematic approach. Marxism is the science of the transition to socialism.

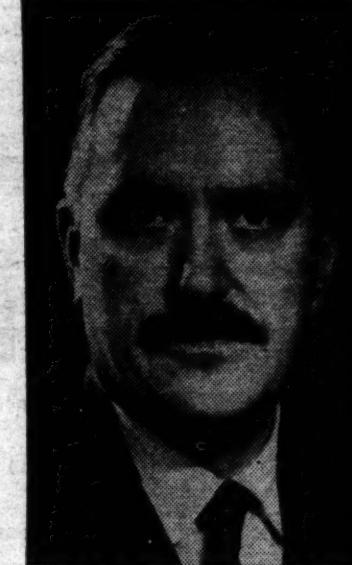
It was Marx and Engels who transformed socialism from a utopia into a science, from an inspiring dream—grounded only in the desire for a better life—into a mighty movement powered by the material and objective necessities of social development. That transformation from utopianism has a lesson we have to relearn today in the light of the new world situation. Basically, that lesson is that socialism arises out of the development of existing society which creates certain necessities that ultimately press the great masses of people to take the path of socialism.

POWER OF KNOWLEDGE

These necessities exist independently of our thinking, but



CHARLES E. RUTHENBERG
Founder of U. S. Communist



EARL BROWDER
movement and its present leader.

when we understand how the process works we can greatly facilitate and speed it up. In fact, our understanding and thinking become a great and decisive factor in turning what history has made objectively possible into actual reality, but our thinking is never an independent factor; and by thinking alone we cannot change the course of history. We can guide the course of history only if we understand the basic forces of history that exist outside of our minds.

We have to be humble and learn from history; we have to learn from facts and never try to impose our pre-conceptions upon history.

That is one of the first lessons of Marxism, which we have to relearn afresh if we are to make

the fullest possible use of this tremendous intellectual arsenal that has been given to us by the great thinkers and leaders of the Socialist-Communist movement. We cannot rise to the heights that are necessary to master this historical moment through intellectual arrogance. We must be prepared to refresh ourselves according to the necessities of the period into which history has brought us, and, above all, we must understand that history never yet has been known to follow anyone's private blueprint. The great turning points of history are in this sense always unexpected; there is always something new, something fresh in them that has to be fundamentally evaluated. We are in such a period today.

Worth Repeating

EDGAR SNOW, giving us a view of Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly in command of the American forces in Iran, appearing in Saturday Evening Post of Sept. 2: General Connolly is, I believe, the only engineering officer in command of an overseas military theatre. And this Persogulf Command, where the only shots we fire are against bandits and convoy thieves, has probably done as much to win the war as any combat command in our Army. Since our engineers took over the operation of the Iranian railway as far as Teheran from the British army, its monthly haul of war materials has increased ten times. Thousands of airplanes have been assembled for the Russians in our Southern Iranian bases and hundreds of thousands of trucks. All told, we are sending the Soviet Union several hundred thousand tons monthly—or almost as much as enters by way of the Pacific into Siberia . . .

But Connolly himself declares emphatically that Russia did not defeat the Nazis because of American supplies. "I would say our help has been an important contribution to the cause of Russian arms, but no more than a contribution. The amount of stuff we've sent to Russia is small compared to her needs and her own production."

Change the World

A YOUNG soldier writes his girl from New Guinea, and she in turn, sends it to her favorite paper. Here is a sample as I sliced it:

"Dearest Bunnyduck," he begins, strangely enough, "yesterday was Sunday. The weather is hot and the jungles exude steam. Malaria is everywhere—but the Army has excellent methods of preventing and curing it. Also, there are rats that roam at night and carry a sort of sub-typus. Also there are many snakes—deadly coral snakes and pythons which grow only nine to 15 feet and are six or seven inches in diameter.

"But the natives are friendly and hate the Japanese and like us Americans very much. They help our work in every way. So why should I worry about rats, snakes or other things?"

"Yesterday, as I stated before, was Sunday, and I went for a swim in the ocean. The shore was a most picturesque sight, with the natives out in the Sunday dress (?) and soldiers roaming the shore roads.

"Soldiers have discovered an alcoholic beverage here, named 'jungle juice' — it is made of coconut milk and sugar that have fermented, and can really drive a guy crazy, so is well liked. All kinds of parrots here. Thought of getting one for us, but am in-



by Mike Gold

formed they carry disease. They chatter and holler all day and night in the woods around here. There is also a huge flightless bird here whose kick is as dangerous as a horse's. But I must close now—and will write more about the place in further letters. Meanwhile, I love you as always and send all my love.

BILL."

MARIE WOODS of NYU was struck by something said in this column about the dirtier aspects of New York life. She wants the American labor movement to play a bigger part in the planning of cities and factories where labor must live and work.

"What an ugly mess New York has become," she laments. "Sometimes I think the Indians had it all over us in their way of life. We should tear down at least 85 percent of New York, all the sunless, bug-ridden tenements and badly planned factories and office buildings.

"Contact with growing things—with trees, plants, animals and moving water—is necessary for humanity. We were not meant to be shut up in canyons of brick and mortar. Labor should have a voice in city planning. Labor should start a movement for better housing, for saner and more beautiful cities to live in. I hope you will not give up your

A Letter From New Guinea, And Other Contributions

idea of doing something to improve our own city as a place to work and live in."

HAROLD ALLINGER, an old-timer of San Francisco, writes in to agree with a recent column which "spoke of the sad estate into which poetry has fallen in our country."

Mr. Allinger says he has been searching for poetry, buying it and reading it for over half a century. "But I watch with consternation the gradual decline of poetry. First it lost alliteration, next rhyme, then foot and meter. It is not the subject matter of today's poetry that is so degenerate—it is its very form that is wrong."

"Today when our planet is whirling faster than was ever conceivable to a great goal of progress, every person with hand and brain and progressive outlook is needed to aid. Poets must also lend their strength to the common cause of humanity. Let them give us great songs fitting for this great time. Don't ask us to play at guessing games and charades in times like these—we are too busy guiding a planet."

AND four sweet young girls of the Bronx who are busy guiding the planet, too, send in \$7 to the Daily Worker press fund, in return for some nice words this columnist wrote about women recently. Thanks, good friends. And the score now is \$358.25 for this column—exactly that much more than absent-minded Fred Ellis, who never heard of the contest, maybe.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Let's Not
Forget Them

Washington, D. C.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Quite a time ago Doxey Wilkerson called on Daily Worker readers to write the boys in the armed forces, and to do so regularly. It's my hope that this advice is being followed for I have just received a letter from one of our soldiers in Normandy, in which he says "Doxey is right, we want letters from back home." Let's not forget them.

J. B.

Alex Heickle

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Editor, The Worker:

Well, I finally got around to seeing Oklahoma and enjoyed every bit of the show, except for one sustained sour note played by Alex Heickle, the peddler. Truthfully, I was a little surprised that no mention of the injections of Jewish intonations in his part was ever made in any of the "rave" reports in the Daily. Am I over-sensitive.

F. NEWMAN

Prussianism

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Editor, The Worker:

Have many of your readers seen the pamphlet issued by International Publishers containing Marx and Engels on Reactionary Prussianism? I was shown a copy of this just yesterday and want to say it is a revelation in regard to the desperately reactionary character of Prussian development and of its masters, the Junkers. Read it, everybody, if you get a chance.

WISER

How Free Is
Free Enterprise?

San Diego, Cal.
Editor, Daily Worker:

What is this free enterprise that the NAM says requires such strenuous defense? Our economic system, in former years, was called Capitalism, and those who benefited and accumulated great wealth were called Capitalists, and no attempts were made to camouflage or apologize for either Capitalism or Capitalists.

After the first World War, Capitalism returned to "normalcy under Harding"; it developed into the "New Capitalism" while we "kept cool with Coolidge"; but it suffered an almost total collapse "while we were hungry with Hoover." Votaries and beneficiaries of the system were called upon to defend it; but, instead of making improvements they merely camouflaged it—they gave it new garments and a new name. They called it Free Enterprise; but when the robes of respectability are torn aside, there is revealed the same old Capitalism that has always fought labor, clubbed and shot strikers; that is making every effort to destroy unionism; that has created millionaires at one end of the social scale and massed poverty at the other end. It elected Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover, and now it would elect Dewey and Bricker. That is Free Enterprise.

FRANK SIMPSON.

(Editor Note: We can't forget, as yet, that the majority of Americans believe in "Free Enterprise" and that it is not an issue at this time.)

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Let's Face It

THE poll-taking season is in full swing. So far, every poll, except those sponsored by the Republican National Committee, has indicated that President Roosevelt has the edge in the presidential race, though his margins are fairly slim.

There is a good deal of skepticism concerning the accuracy of these polls, especially since the famous Literary Digest poll fiasco of 1936.

As far as I'm concerned, the chief virtue of the current surveys is that they may serve to overcome, at least to some degree, the dangerous complacency in labor and pro-FDR circles generally regarding the President's chances. For a while the results are in his favor, they are a lot closer than a lot of people believe the election will be.

It must be remembered that sentiment in favor of FDR is greater among the population as a whole than among those who actually vote, and it is the former which is polled. The reason is that FDR's strength is chiefly in the urban areas, among the workers, foreign-born, Negroes, and their turnout on election day is relatively less than other sections of the people. Thus, in 1940, while only 43 percent of the population of New York City voted for President, 53 percent of the people in the rest of the state cast their ballots.



by Max Gordon

This year, the disparity is likely to be even worse in view of the large-scale migrations among industrial workers.

IT SEEMS to me that more significant than all the polls as a key to the election results is the forecast made by a number of commentators to the effect that a turnout of 50,000,000 will ensure FDR's reelection; 45,000,000 will make the race close; while anything less than 40,000,000 will guarantee Dewey's election.

The basis for this prediction is the fact that a 50,000,000 vote will be attained only if large masses of workers turn out at the polls.

But 50,000,000 is a pretty tough figure to shoot at. The only time in American history when so many people voted was in 1940. Since then, some 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 eligible voters have gone into the armed forces and only a fraction of these will be able to cast their ballots under the cumbersome state soldier ballot procedure. Many millions of workers have shifted residence. Physical and psychological handicaps will have to be overcome to get them to vote in November.

The CIO Political Action Committee and the AFL political action bodies are, of course, the main instrument for getting out that labor vote. That's the basic reason why the GOP

Funds Needed for State Polio Research Institute

March of Dimes) which is helping with funds and advice.

LITTLE KNOWN YET

Infantile paralysis, or polio, is one of the diseases about which not very much is known. We know it is caused by a virus, an organism so small it cannot be seen through a microscope. We know it can occur in any climate and in any country, but it is most common in the late summer and early fall. It is rare in infants under six months of age and generally affects children under ten years.

We do not thoroughly understand how people catch it. Leading authorities today believe that it is a disease that everyone gets, most people fighting it off, but some falling victim to the virus. Most people get it very lightly, but in some who fall sick, the muscles become paralyzed and death occurs if it is the breathing muscles or the breathing center of the brain which is affected. It is believed today that it is caught from some healthy person who carries the virus in him, but does

not succumb to it. For this reason the health authorities do not ask for the closing of places where people congregate, for such measures are ineffective, and are an unwarranted disturbance of community life.

MORE RESEARCH NEEDED

But even though our health authorities recognize that in the treatment of polio "the health of the people is the concern of the government," the menace of a polio epidemic makes us realize that it is the concern of the people too. What can the people do to advance the knowledge of this disease?

What can we do to help discover how to prevent it and how to cure it? We have contributed generously to the March of Dimes, and of this money some \$750,000 has been spent on research in medical schools and laboratories. But this research is not enough. More is needed.

A rich and popular state like New York cannot allow this epidemic to pass without contributing its share to the investigation of polio. Our legislature

should make available funds for a Polio Research Institute to the Health Department of New York State.

Only the promotion of research will answer our questions on how to control polio, how to prevent it and how to cure it. The Kenny treatment, about which there is so much controversy, is not a cure of polio. The recent report of the American Medical Association, which was widely interpreted as an attack on it, admitted the value of certain procedures Miss Kenny advocates. But much more must be done before polio is in the same category as diphtheria which today is completely preventable.

Only continuous, well subsidized and organized research can remove the danger of polio. Such research can best be organized by the government department responsible for the health of the people. Our State Department of Health, under the able direction of Dr. Edward Godfrey, must be helped by us, whose children can fall victim to this disease, to set up a Polio Research Institute.



Bill of Health

By CELIA LANGER

"The health of the people is the concern of the government." When this concept was stated by the advanced and progressive section of the medical profession, the people understood that a change must be forthcoming in the practice of medicine. Today, when parts of New York State are suffering an epidemic of infantile paralysis, we can be grateful that the conception is already partly in practice. Every facility for the

care of victims of this disease is available. The State Department of Health, and the New York City Department of Health have doctors and hospital care at the disposal of those who need them. The Department of Health has done a most commendable job in mobilizing its resources to meet this emergency. It is working in cooperation with the National Institute for Infantile Paralysis (the

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Lublin Death Pits Yield Pyramids of Skulls; Witness Tells of 18,000 Slain on One Day

By JOHN GIBBONS

LUBLIN, Poland. Aug. 31.—I know that the story of what happened at the Maidanek "extermination camp" outside of this Polish city makes terrible reading abroad, but you must bear with me as I relate what I saw with my own eyes here.

How often has the phrase "pyramids of skulls" been used? But last Sunday, I saw for the first, and I hope the last time in my life, not one—but many pyramids of skulls.

Not far from Maidanek, there is a woodland area where oak, birch and aspen trees grow. The Krembec forest it is called. It might be described as an overflow for the camp, and German SS troops, now prisoners-of-war, say that on Nov. 3, 1943, 18,000 people were shot down there in cold blood.

Sunday, I saw bodies of several hundred people exhumed from only two of the death pits which the forest covered. Of the bodies in Krembec Forest, the majority were women. The most terrible scenes of all were mothers and babies locked in embrace.

I saw a minimum of a hundred bodies of children, ranging in age from one to three years and there were children—six, seven, and eight years old.

Where did these victims come from? One of the barracks now used as an exhibit room supplies the answer. I copied down from an enemy notebook details of passports issued to men and women in Kiev, Warsaw, Oslo, Riga, Berlin, Vienna, Paris, Belgrade, Milan, to mention but a few the places indicated by thousands of documents.

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AN EDITORIAL

There are no tears left in Lublin, Poland, and there are no words in any language to express the horror and anger that rises up in any decent person at the story of what happened in Lublin.

Our correspondent, John Gibbons, has been saying it—factually and suppressing his own anger—in these very pages.

"A crime without a name" was Churchill's characterization of the Nazi savagery in eastern Europe. But it does have a name: it is fascism, German fascism in particular, the scum and the vomit of humanity in human form and armed with weapons.

It must be crushed, as it is being crushed, without mercy. And whoever defends it in any shape or form must be pilloried with the evidence of the Maidanek camp in Lublin.

But yesterday, from a totally different direction came proof that Hitler's friends still exist in our own country and they have the impudence to put forward on American soil the very same proposals which Hitler carried out in the Maidanek camp.

Mr. Christians of the Polish Red Cross Society and a member of the Atrocities Commission told me that there were three distinct periods in the life of the camp.

A MASS SLAUGHTER

The first period, late 1941 and the early months of 1942, was when Red Army and Polish prisoners were killed off.

The second period, from May, 1942, to November, 1943, was known as the "triple alliance," when Poles, Russians and Jews were slaughtered.

The third period, November, 1943, to April, 1944, was known as the "Tower of Babel," when 22 nationalities were represented in the camp.

According to estimates of this Red Cross member, a minimum of a million and a half people were exterminated in the camp. The evidence that I saw and heard confirms this estimate.

SHOES TELL A STORY

I walked through huge warehouses filled to overflowing with boots and shoes. There were shoes that belonged to the very

wealthy and shoes that belonged to the poor. Among this mountain of shoes were numerous orthopaedic boots, worn by boys suffering from leg injuries, and there were tiny shoes worn by toddlers of two and three.

This vast warehouse of footwear contained, according to Christians, 820,000 pairs of shoes. To this must be added the many thousands shipped to Germany.

Among the "souvenirs" I found in this death camp was a letter addressed to the chief of the SS asking for 50 pairs of women's shoes to be sent to the Women's Branch of the Nazi Party in Berlin.

TOYS AND ROSARIES

At 27 Chopin St., Lublin, there is a larger four-story building which the Gestapo took over from the local Catholic Association.

This huge building is stocked with clothes and small personal belongings that men and women carry about with them.

There I saw overcoats, shirts, ties, socks, silk stockings, baby clothes—every conceivable kind—

We refer to the America First Party's convention, now being held in Detroit, and the proposal made there that American Jews be deported to some "designated area" and those who remain in America be sterilized.

It is one step from such ideas to the Maidanek camp, with its pyramids of skulls, with its human victims used as fertilizer for Nazi gardens.

There can be no freedom of speech or assembly to the Nazi butchers at Lublin, Poland, and we don't think there can be any such thing for Gerald L. K. Smith and his whole convention in Detroit.

The nation is in mortal danger of the infection from Maidanek so long as conventions now taking place in Detroit are allowed to assemble.

Innocent blood flowed, and the blood of Americans is being shed every day, to wipe out the possibility of Maidanek in the future.

Let the Gerald L. K. Smiths be silenced now, and let their powerful backers be exposed to public view before they introduce human slaughter houses in America, too.

razors by the thousands, shaving brushes, mountains of scissors, kettles, teapots, prayerbooks, rosaries, notebooks, schoolbooks, family albums. The most touching sites were shelves loaded with children's toys.

This enormous warehouse contained that part of the personal property of their victims which the Gestapo didn't have time to ship to Germany.

Sunday afternoon I spoke to men who owe their release from Maidanek Camp to the speedy arrival of the Red Army. I was present at the interrogation of two of the SS men who were captured right in the camp.

Theodore Scholen, one of the SS men, described himself as "warehouseman." He is a shifty creature, dwarfish in stature with beady eyes and brutish mouth.

Without a quiver he related how loudspeakers relayed music all over the camp to drown out the noise of the mass shootings.

He knew that children were gassed. He saw prisoners of every nationality and he saw the commandant

of the camp set his Alsatian dog on prisoners. He confirmed the mass shooting in November, 1943, but, if you please, SS man Scholen, member of the Nazi Party since 1937, "had nothing to do with all these things."

PEOPLE BURIED ALIVE

The other SS man, Hans Salp, 31 years old, testified that he saw "a batch of 157 children taken to the 'Cyclone' chamber." He "saw people buried alive" and he described a fiendish act of a woman being burned alive in the crematorium.

All this is but a tiny fraction of what I have seen here in Lublin, the city which the Germans turned into an international abattoir.

And yet there are people who still think and believe that facts such as I've related here are merely "war propaganda."

I hope that the government of the new, free, democratic and independent Poland will preserve Maidanek for posterity. Let not only our generation, but our children and our children's children realize what a foul thing was German fascism.

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Gen. Ike Reports: Nazi Losses Since D-Day, 400,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, made the following report today on the results of operations in northern France between D-Day, June 6, and Aug. 25:

The equivalent of five panzer divisions have been destroyed and a further six severely mauled, including one panzer grenadier division. The equivalent of 20 infantry divisions have been eliminated and a further 12 very badly cut up and have suffered severe losses. Included in this total of infantry divisions are three of the enemy's crack parachute divisions. In addition, one parachute division and two infantry divisions have no hope of escape from the fortress ports of the Brittany peninsula in which they are marooned. One infantry division is isolated in the Channel islands.

Total enemy casualties amount to over 400,000 killed, wounded and prisoners of war, of which over 200,000 are prisoners of war. Of these prisoners, 135,000 have been captured since July 25. The total continues to mount.

1,300 TANKS KNOCKED OUT

One thousand, three hundred enemy tanks and over 20,000 motor transports have been captured or destroyed. About 500 assault guns and 1,500 field and heavier artillery guns have been captured or destroyed. In addition, the enemy has suffered very heavy losses in coast artillery equipment.

The German 7th Army and the newly-formed 5th Panzer Army have been decisively defeated and into this defeat has been drawn the bulk of the fighting strength of the first and 15th Armies. Three field marshals and one army commander have either been dismissed or incapacitated by wounds. One Army commander, three corps commanders, 15 divisional commanders and one fortress commander have been either killed or captured.

BIG PLANE BAG

In the air, the Luftwaffe has taken a fearful beating. Since June 6, 2,378 German aircraft have been destroyed in the air and 1,167 on the ground. In addition, 270 aircraft were probably destroyed and 1,028 aircraft were damaged in the air.

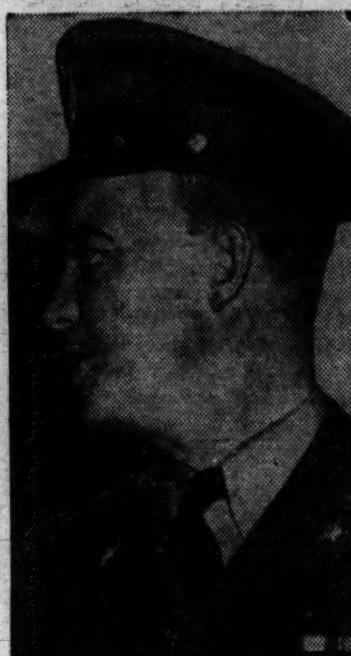
At sea, the enemy has been unable, in spite of its former boasting to interfere seriously with the invasion forces. Enemy attacks on convoys have been driven off on very many occasions and losses to Allied shipping have been small. Of the enemy's naval losses, some 300 vessels of all classes have been sunk or heavily damaged by Allied action. In addition, a number of enemy merchant ships have been sunk and the Germans themselves have been forced to scuttle in their harbors large numbers of all types of shipping, both naval and mercantile.

A large proportion of the enemy's efforts have been devoted to attack by mine laying. The sustained work of mine sweepers have resulted, within three months, in a "mine-bag" off the French beaches which totals one-tenth of all mines swept in five years in all theatres of war.

ALLIED TEAMWORK

Allied teamwork, extending to all services, has again demonstrated its ability to overcome the most adverse kind of condition in defeating the enemy. Allied units from other countries have fought effectively alongside American and British forces, and the FFI have done much valuable work.

The command system has functioned smoothly in spite of difficulties due to enforced separation of commanders and of poor signal communication due to distances and rapidly changing situations.



GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER

Many factors are woven into the warp and woof of this great victory. Among these a few are listed below, with no attempt to give their order of importance.

One was meticulous care in planning and preparation, supported resolutely in all aspects by the combined chiefs of staff. Another was the fact that we achieved some degree of surprise involving place, timing and strength of the attack. The excellence and sufficiency of amphibious equipment, with measures for dealing with beach defenses and obstacles, was also important.

The brilliant preparatory work of the air forces, a belief in the effectiveness of which was the very cornerstone of the original invasion conception, began months ago and reached its highest intensity at the very moment of landing. It is my conviction that except for this aerial preparation, including as a specific mission a prolonged campaign against the transportation systems of northwest Europe, the venture could not have logically been undertaken. The air support of ground forces has been most effective throughout the campaign. The supply and maintenance services have performed miracles.

But the greatest factor of all has been the fighting qualities of the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the United Nations. Their valor, stamina and devotion to duty have been beyond praise. They will continue to be.

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Hits GOP Governors' Callousness on Lynching

DETROIT, Aug. 31.—C. Le Bron Simmons, Detroit attorney and president of the National Negro Congress, Detroit Council, charged Gov. Harry F. Kelly's administration with "callous indifference to the fundamental rights of the Negro people, following a two-hour conference with Thomas E. Kenney, legal advisor to the Governor.

Simmons and National Negro Congress representatives visited the executive mansion this week to ask the governor to recall the warrant extraditing Bonnie Merrill to Mississippi. As an exemplary citizen for the past five years.

There has been no evidence substantiating the charges against Merrill, but there is every indication that he would be at the mercy of a prejudiced, hate-inspired anti-Negro citizenry in the locality from which he came.

Simmons stated, on behalf of the delegation:

"It is indeed strange that the Republican Party which has traditionally posed as the champion of the Negro should, in the midst of a most crucial election campaign, find one of its governors unable to find any time to devote to a case involving the most fundamental civil rights

of the Negro in America. Such an action, following upon that of a fellow Republican governor from New York, with presidential aspirations, who some time ago similarly turned his back upon a like case involving the extradition of a Negro to a poli-tax lynch ridden state, can only lead to the conclusion that this is a definitely established pattern of thinking within the dominant policy making circles of the Republican party.

"This is the practical application of their theory of 'states' rights' and a demonstration of the extent of their collaboration with the southern polltaxers. The Negro people of Michigan will mark this incident well."

GOP Believes in Planning for Itself

CHICAGO, Aug. 31 (UP).—Herbert Brownell, Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, today opened a two-day meeting of the executive committee to plan the Presidential campaign for the next two months.

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Our handsome, white-haired artist has a tremendous love for sports, and it doesn't take much prodding for Freddy to spin out some of his classic yarns. While munching on some buckwheat cakes and his two cups of "java," Freddy got to talking about the Indian sign.

"It's a funny thing about that old Indian sign," Ellis mused. "Almost every great athlete had to contend with one guy he could never take, even though that guy may have been little more than a third-rater."

But Freddy agreed as to how there's been many a top-notcher too, who had the Indian sign on somebody else. "Remember the Helen Moody-Helen Jacobs tennis duels? Now that Jacobs girl was terrific, and many considered her on a par with Moody, if not her superior. But she couldn't cope with Moody," Freddy sighed.

And while Freddy sipped his "java" and puffed reflectively on the great tragedy in La Jacob's life, we waited impatiently for the conclusion that was sure to come. Freddy never tells a story without drawing a parallel, and with a tragic light in his eyes, he continued:

"We've got two crackerjack tennis players over at Fire Island, where I'm staying for the summer. Those babies are really good, they can cover the court like jackrabbits, their backhand'll return anything within an inch off the court's surface. Slender fellers, they are," Freddy noted.

"Then we've also got two fat tennis players," Ellis said, his face still clouded with a sad expression. "Those fat fellers can't actually play in the same league as the skinny ones. But do you know, they've had a hell of a lot of double matches, the fat guys against the skinny ones, and the skinny fellers haven't won a match yet."

And then came Freddy's explanation of the Indian sign. "It's all psychological. Those skinny guys knew they were ten times better than their opponents. But after they lost the first one, they became a little unnerved. In the next game, they bashed all their shots into the net. Those fat players just went on playing their steady game, and it just about killed the skinny guys."

Freddy finished his coffee and chuckled, "Yeah, it's all psychological."

You're probably wondering about the legitimacy of this column, but we offer no apology. You see, Freddy Ellis has the Indian sign on us . . . we're just a sucker for those stories. Especially when they're all psychological.

The Roundup

RAF to Play Return Match

by Phil Gordon

Final arrangements have been completed for a return visit of the RAF Air Navigation School soccer team of Hamilton, Ont., to Starlight Park on Sept. 10, where it will meet a select squad of the New York Americans and Brookhattan clubs of the American Soccer league.

Flight Officer Danny Simon, commanding sports officer at the Canadian training base, advised Managers Erno Schwartz of the Amerks and Johnny Slaven of Brookhattan that he will present a much stronger team than the one which played an all-star American League squad to a 3-3 deadlock last May.

Heading the Flyers' roster will be Corp. Leslie Medley, outside left, whose spectacular offensive play and accurate booting accounted for two of the visitors' three goals.

Milkman Jim Turner is certainly getting a workout with the Yankees this year. The relief hurler has so far made thirty appearances for the Bombers . . . having worked in seven of the last eleven Yankee contests.

This is Turner's heaviest years, beating out his 1935 stint with the Braves, when Jim went to the

mound thirty times . . . Turner used to be a starting pitcher in the N.L., but McCarthy likes him better this way.

Two Boston pilots, Joe Cronin of the Red Sox and Bob Coleman of the Braves, signed new contracts with their respective clubs.

Cronin affixed his signature to a three-year stay with the Bosox, at a salary unofficially quoted as somewhere around the \$25,000 mark. Prexy Robert Quinn of the Braves said he was "perfectly satisfied with the job Coleman has done."

Arne Anderson once again demonstrated his mastery over fellow countryman Gunder Hagg. In a dramatic 2,000-meter race the other night at Stockholm Stadium, Arne beat out Gunder the Wunder by five yards . . . Anderson's time was 5 minutes 126 seconds. Hagg was clocked in 5:123.

Baseball Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis	71	55	.563	—
New York	67	58	.536	3½
Detroit	66	58	.532	4
Boston	68	60	.531	4
Philadelphia	62	68	.477	11
Cleveland	61	67	.477	11
Chicago	58	67	.464	12½
Washington	53	73	.421	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
St. Louis	91	30	.752	—
Pittsburgh	71	50	.537	20
Cincinnati	67	51	.568	22½
New York	57	67	.460	35½
Chicago	54	65	.454	36
Boston	50	74	.403	42½
Philadelphia	48	72	.400	42
Brooklyn	48	77	.384	45

League Leaders

AMERICAN

Batting—Johnson, Boston, .326.
Runs—Stirnweiss, New York, 98.
Runs Batted In—Stephens, St. Louis, 90.
Hits—Stirnweiss, New York, 182.
Doubles—Fox, Boston, and Boudreau, Cleveland, 32.
Triples—Lindell and Stirnweiss, New York, 12.
Home Runs—Johnson, Boston, and Stephens, St. Louis, 16.
Stolen Bases—Stirnweiss, New York, 41.
Pitching—Hughson, 18-5, .783; Newhouser, Detroit, 21-8, .724.

NATIONAL

Batting—Walker, Brooklyn, .356.
Runs—Musial, St. Louis, 96.
Runs Batted In—Nicholson, Chicago, 97.
Hits—Musial, St. Louis, 170.
Doubles—Musial, St. Louis, 45.
Triples—Barrett, Pittsburgh, 18.
Home Runs—Nicholson, Chicago, 28.
Stolen Bases—Barrett, Pittsburgh, 22.
Pitching—Wilks, St. Louis, 14-1, .933.

Owen's Exam Today

Dodger backstop Mickey Owen takes his physical examination today. Should Mickey pass, it is believed he'll still have time to finish out the season before entering the armed forces.

The Dodgers initiate a four-game series with the Giants today. A single this afternoon, tomorrow, and followed up with a Sunday twinbill.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.	WHR—1050 Kc.
WEAF—600 Kc.	WNEW—1450 Kc.
WJZ—710 Kc.	WLIE—1390 Kc.
WQXR—770 Kc.	WOW—1250 Kc.
WNYC—530 Kc.	WEVD—1230 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc.	WANY—1480 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc.	WQXR—1260 Kc.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Honeymoon Hill
WQXR—Alma Dettinger
11:15 WEAF—Vis and Sade
WABC—Second Husband
11:30 WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Quiz Wizard
WJZ—News; Cliff Edwards, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon
11:45 WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—News Reports
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15 WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WABC—Big Sister—Sketch
12:30 WEAF—United States Marine Band
WOR—News; Juke Box
WJZ—News; Farm Home Makers
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45 WJZ—Victory Gardens—Talk
WABC—Our Glad Sunday
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Bauknight, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15 WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30 WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Talk—Martha Deane
WJZ—News Comment
WABC—Portia Faces Life
2:15 WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Joyce Jordan
2:30 WEAF—Women in White
WOR—News; Talk—Jane Cowl
WJZ—Ed East and Polly
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
2:45 WEAF—Hymns of All Churches
WABC—Ferry Mason
3:00 WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Real Stories
WJZ—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Marlin
3:15 WEAF—Ma Perkins
WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time
WABC—Tina and Tim
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—News—Bob Trout
3:45 WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—The High Places
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Talk—John Gambling
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Service Time

From the Press Box

Mel Queen and Dubiel Win Two for Yankees

by C. E. Dexter

Walt Dubiel and Mel Queen linked arms yesterday at the Stadium, and together they handed the Senators a double setback, 9-4, and 4-3. The twin win put Joe McCarthy's men 2½ games behind the Brownies, but the league-leaders and the Tigers played a night game and upon that result depends whether the Yanks will still be that close to the Brownies by the time you read this:

A host of Senator errors helped the Bombers a lot in the first game, which saw Dubiel chalk up his 11th win. The Yanks went into a one-run lead in the first inning, when Stirnweiss and Crosetti singled, Johnny Lindell walked, and Tuck Stainback followed up with another walk, foreining in Stirnweiss.

Two more New York tallies were gained in the second, as Garbar walked, Stirnweiss' single was booted around by Ortiz and Garbar scored. Frankie Crosetti's single scored Stirnweiss.

Washington came back in the third inning when their hurler Haefner singled and scored on Joe Kuhel's circuit clout into right. In the fifth inning, Johnny Lindell got on via an error. He was sacrificed to second, and Oscar Grimes was then purposely passed. Garbar's single scored Lindell. Spence's relay to second was muffed by Wyatt, and Grimes scored on the miscue.

In the eighth frame, Washington tallied another two runs. Myatt and Vaughn singled, and both scored on Montaegudo's safety. . . . The Yanks put the game on ice in their half of the eighth. Dubiel, Stirnweiss and

Washington got one run in the ninth, when Myatt walked, Joe Kuhel singled,

Literary Lookout

By Samuel Putnam

(This is the last of a series of five articles on Walt Whitman, Poet of American Democracy, Selections from His Poetry and Prose, Edited with an Introduction by Samuel Sillen, International Publishers, \$1.50.)

If so much space has been devoted in these columns to Dr. Sillen's new, specially selected and arranged edition of Whitman, with its brilliant Introduction that constitutes a milestone in Whitman scholarship, this has been not alone for the reason that America as a whole and the American working class in particular has need of the Good Gray Poet in this hour, but also for the reason that he himself was fond: the archetype of the people's writer, the people's poet.

On this page, shortly, we propose to begin a discussion of the kind of literature, the kind of books, that we should look for after the war. In this discussion writers, readers, editors, publishers, trade unionists and others will participate; and it seems to the present commentator that these glimpses of the new Whitman whom Dr. Sillen has revealed to us should serve as a good preliminary to such a symposium.

"The Poet of America," says Dr. Sillen, "was of necessity a people's poet. He was fortified by a scientific estimate and reverent appreciation of the People—of their measureless wealth of latent power and capacity, their vast, artistic contrasts of lights and shades—with, in America, their entire reliability in emergencies, and a certain breadth of historic grandeur, of peace and war, far surpassing all the vaunted samples of 'book-heroes, or any haut ton coterie, in all the records of the world."

BEGAN WITH THE PEOPLE

This reliance upon the people, this use of the people as a starting point from which, as he said, he "advanced," comes out not only in Whitman's content, but most strikingly in his form as well. And here any writer well may learn from Whitman a valuable lesson in the relation of form to content. Having an utterly new content, that of the life of democratic America, to express, he had to find, to hew out, a form that was equally novel. The new substance, he discovered, could not be run through the old time-honored poetic molds. The new wine would not go in the old bottles.

And so it was that Walt turned to the people of America and their daily speech, and the result, as Dr. Sillen points out, was a new poetic idiom, "a great experiment in the language of democratic poetry.... Whitman went far beyond Wordsworth in his striving to take words out of the library into the street. He scorned what he termed the delicate lady-words and the gloved gramme of chants."

Recordings

Frontier Ballads and Folk Songs

By PAUL ANTHONY

FRONTIER BALLADS AND COWBOY SONGS sung by Bill Bender. Asch Album, No. A-410; price \$3.50.

Here is another first rate album of American folk lore. The contents are all more or less familiar to folk song fans, and duplicated in other albums of the same nature: Jesse James, Old Joe Clark, Sam Hall, and so forth. However, the interpretations in this album are so close to authenticity that the listener has the feeling that he is at the actual song-making. The barriers of time have been so let down that some of the other earlier recordings seem to be more academic than real, even though the earlier discs are exceedingly fine. These songs are sung in a robust human fashion without too much over-interpretation which could easily ruin them.

One of the most interesting selections in the album is the song Buffalo Skimmers. It is said to be the first real American work song. It has to do with men who were hired to kill and skin buffalo so that the hides could be sent to the tanners. The men were hired with promises of high wages, transportation, food, etc., and then, after a season of grueling work and daily risk of life, were bilked out of their earnings by a process very similar to that perpetrated on miners and sharecroppers today who are never out of debt to the company store. In the song, however, the men organized in the primitive direct manner of the early west and "left old Craig's bones to rot on the range of the buffalo" (a procedure not in accordance with the best union practices today).

An Interview With Zoltan Korda

The Director of Counterattack

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD.—"Enough people are trying to create misunderstanding (between the USA and the Soviet Union)—I would like to make a little understanding... as much as possible, but at least a little," and Zoltan Korda, nodded smiling, as though emphasizing this to himself and to us.

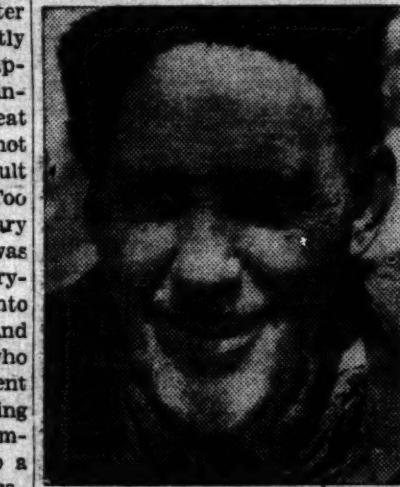
"To make an entertaining film that has something to say—yes, that is what I would like" Korda was speaking of his new assignment at Columbia Studios as director of Counterattack, which has to do with the dramatic struggle of Russian and German soldiers trapped in a cellar.

Though we had not met before, he talked as though to an old friend. Born in Turkeve, Hungary, educated in Budapest, this quiet man with the sensitive unlined face and graying hair speaks with a slight accent and carefully as though searching for the right word. Beyond his words, he conveys the sense and feeling of what he means. That seems to come from a great liking and a great understanding of people which envelopes everyone about him.

We had caught him in the midst of a turmoil of conferences on the script, casting problems, screen-tests, and all the other complicated details of preparing for an early production, but he was as calm and unhurried as though there were nothing more important.

OPINION CHANGED

"Of course public opinion has changed. No one can close his eyes to what the Russians have done in the war." Often his words fall into a kind of unconscious rhythm. "No one can say 'They will stop at the Polish border.' They didn't stop at the Polish border. Maybe now they



Partisan General Fyodor Kovpak, known to his followers as Grandpa, pauses to have his picture taken by one of the 18 parachute cameramen who lived with partisan units for months recording actual operations for the new Soviet documentary, People's Avengers, now at the City Theatre.

Pays Tribute to Nation's Labor Army

With the approach of America's third wartime Labor Day, Uncle Sam's seamen will salute the nation's war workers during the WJZ-Blue Network broadcast of Meet Your Navy, Friday, Sept. 1, at 8:30 p. m., EWT.

THE STAGE

THE THEATRE GUILD presents (in association with Jack M. Skirball) ACOBOWSKY and COLONEL the FRANZ WERFEL-S. R. BEHRMAN COMEDY Staged by ELIA KAZAN

LOUIS CALHERN - ANNABELLA - KARLWEIS J. EDWARD BROMBERG MARTIN BECK, 45th W. of 8th Ave. - Air Cond. Evenings 8:30. Matinee THURS. and SAT., 2:30

MICHAEL TODD presents BOBBY CLARK in MEXICAN HAYRIDE By Herbert & Dorothy Fields Staged by HASSARD SHORT

SONGS BY COLE PORTER WINTER GARDEN, B'way & 50th St. Cl. 7-5181 Air-Cond. Eve. 8:30. Mats. Wed., Sat. & Labor Day

"A 3 ACT THUNDERBOLT."—Walter Winchell LILLIAN HELLMAN'S New Play CORNELIA OTIS DENNIS DUDLEY SKINNER KING DIGGES THE SEARCHING WIND

Eve. 8:45. Mats. WED. and SAT., 2:45 FULTON, 66th St. W. of B'way. CL 6-633 AIR-CONDITIONED

say 'They will stop at the Prussian border—after two miles.' Maybe they will," he smiled wisely, "but it doesn't look like it to me."

"I am delighted that by some chance this picture fell into my hands. I want to show the Russian of today—as human beings reacting as Americans would in the same situation—not those bearded Bolsheviks of old-fashioned musicals," and he chuckled at the memory.

He went on to say that the portraits of the seven Germans in Counterattack would be, not as unrecognizable beasts, but rather like the pretty German officer in Sahara who had such silly illogical and bad ideas but who could not be changed, and whose counterparts can be recognized as Fascists wherever they are found. He described the play as a character-study which afforded a wonderful opportunity for an actor like Paul Muni, who is to play the leading role of the Russian soldier Kulkov.

On the matter of technique, Mr. Korda made some pointed observations growing out of his work in every branch of the industry here and abroad, as cameraman, film editor, writer, director, producer.

"When you are some kind of a director, that (technique) must be part of you—you must not be conscious of it and neither must the audience. For the audience, a film should be an adventure—they should be able to travel to a land where they have never been. I would not destroy the imagination of the audience, but the film should lead

them with a story-telling... indirectly... letting them see... letting the surroundings develop the character... Realism—a little on the grotesque side—that is what I would like for Counterattack."

He summed up what his idea of a good film should be in a very simple but all-inclusive definition: "When the idea, the actors, writing, photography and direction covers everything so well that it looks real to the audience and he feels like part of the story and he is not conscious of camera-angles and so forth, you have achieved in a certain kind of film-making, what you should achieve."

GOOD SCRIPT FIRST

"Now, I want to say this (the more earnest he becomes, the more carefully he chooses his words, and the more slowly he speaks)—the most important thing is a good script. Yes, that is it," he nodded. "I want to pay a great tribute to John Howard Lawson, who wrote the script on Sahara and is doing this one, too. A good script gives you what is necessary to make a good picture. A bad script—," he shook his head, "if you get a good picture, it is just luck."

Other pictures with which Zoltan Korda has been associated as director or producer are Sahara, Jungle Book, Drums, Elephant Boy, Sanders of the River, Thief of Bagdad.

The modesty so characteristic of Korda was shown in the fact that no picture of him was available except one from Sahara taken in such a big desert helmet that it showed only his chin.

My Friend Franklin

The following lyrics are from a new song just released by the Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt. It was written by Harold Rome, who is now in the armed forces. His Franklin D. Roosevelt Jones and Pins and Needles are well remembered.

By HAROLD ROME

"Howdy, Mr. Gallup
I'm glad you finally came
With a questionnaire about the President.
Sit down, Mr. Gallup,
Joe Public is the name,
And the USA is where I'm resident.
—Confidentially—
There's just one man for me.

Chorus
My friend, Franklin
Steered us through some stormy skies
Mighty few can measure to his size.
My friend, Franklin
He's one man who knows the score.
Round our way we like what he stands for.
He's as high above his rival
As the top of a steeple.
They say everyone's against him—
Ev'ry one except the people!
My friend, Franklin
He's the chief to guarantee
That we win the peace as well as victory.
My friend, Franklin D."

MOTION PICTURES

IRVING PLACE 14th ST. and UNION SQUARE — GR. 5-6975 LAST DAY BURGESS MEREDITH in MAXWELL ANDERSON'S

'Bill of Divorcement' 'WINTER SET'

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL 50th St. & 8th Ave. Doors Open 9:15 A.M. M-G-M's Production

"DRAGON SEED"

KATHARINE HEPBURN WALTER HUSTON - ALICE MACMAHON AKIM TAMIROFF TURHAN BEY Spectacular Stage Presentation Picture at 9:30, 12:35, 3:45, 6:30, 10:00 1st Mezzanine Seats Reserved Circle 6-4600

2nd BIG WEEK

ACADEMY OF MUSIC 125 E. 14th St. Nea. 4th Av. 20th Century-Fox presents BETTE DAVIS MR. SKEFFINGTON CLAUDE RAINS • WALTER ABEL HAROLD PEARY "GILDERSLEEVE'S GHOST"

20th Century-Fox presents "Wing and a Prayer" at Brandt's GLOBE B'way & 46th St. Brandt's GOTHAM B'way & 47th St.

DARRYL F. ZANUCK'S WILSON in technicolor ON ROXY STAGE FRED WARING and his Pennsylvanians BUY MORE BONDS ROXY 7th Ave. & 50th St.

AIR-COOLED 5th Ave. Jean GABIN in ZOLA'S HUMAN BEAST (LAURETTE HUARIN) Directed by JEAN REAUME

Late Bulletins

Bulgaria Helps Nazis Hide Ships Of Black Sea, Soviets Charge

LONDON, Aug. 31 (UP). — The Soviet press today accused the Sofia government of chicanery and trying to mislead the Allies in its recent "full neutrality" declaration.

It charged Bulgaria with continuing to aid the Germans and said the Nazis were hiding warships at the Bulgarian Black Sea ports of Varna and Burgas, with 22 other vessels arriving at Ruschuk.

Asserting that "all this demonstrates the Bulgarian government declared its so-called neutrality in order to give the Germans refuge in Bulgaria against the Allied pursuit," the Army newspaper Red Star demanded that Sofia break com-

pletely with Germany and join the Allies in active fighting.

Meanwhile, German broadcasts hinted that the Balkan revolt against Nazi domination is threatening Croatia.

Hungarian sources in Ankara expressed belief that Budapest also was on the verge of deserting Germany. They said the new military government of Col. Gen. Geza Lakatos, formed Tuesday following the resignation of Premier Doeme Sztójay—who, Nazi broadcasts said, died today—probably would be overthrown by a democratic coalition as soon as Bulgaria made its final move.

President Orders Ickes to Seize 7 Mines Hit by Lewis Strike

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP). — President Roosevelt tonight directed Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes to take possession of seven coal mines and collieries of the Ford Colleries Co. of Curtissville, Pa., and the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co. of Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Roosevelt's action was prompted by a strike of about 100 supervisory employees in the two mines of the Ford collieries and five mines of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Co. They are seeking recognition of John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers as their representative.

Ickes took possession immediately.

The order permits the management of the mines to continue managerial functions. Possession terminates within 60 days after Ickes

determines that production efficiency has been restored.

The War Labor Board had voted unanimously to refer the case to the White House. George W. Taylor, acting WLB chairman, told the President that 4,000 production employees were unable to work because of the strike. The mines produce 26,000 tons of bituminous coal a day.

Abe Fortas, acting Secretary of the Interior, recommended seizure.

Fortas said:

"It is unthinkable that any union or other group of Americans would deliberately commit an act that would endanger the flow of arms to our fighting men, risk prolonging the war, and jeopardize the lives of American fighting men . . ."

[Earlier story on Page 4.]

Chinese Turn Back Japanese Spearhead Aimed at Kweilin

CHUNGKING, Aug. 31 (UP). — Chinese ground forces southwest of Hengyang turned back a Japanese spearhead aimed at the important Kwangsi base of Kweilin, as planes of the 14th American Air Force ripped the enemy's supply lines in attacks to the north, it was reported tonight.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's airmen destroyed 100 trucks in the Hengyang, Hengshan and Yochow areas along the Canton-Hankow rail line and shot down eight fighters over the Yangtze River in southern Hupeh province.

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 31 (UP). — The Allied command announced today that British 14th Army troops pushing south into the

monsoon-swept Chin hills of western Burma scored new gains on the road to the enemy base of Tiddim.

In north Burma, patrol activity continued in the vicinity of Ko Dangyi, 64 miles north of Katha on the railway leading south to Mandalay.

Peak Wartime Traffic in East

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP). — The Office of Defense Transportation reported today that wartime traffic on street cars, buses and other local transit facilities in eastern cities reached its peak this year, and that passenger traffic volume has stabilized at these peak levels.

Dems Challenge Dewey on GI

Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman, yesterday challenged Gov. Dewey to amend the soldier vote law to make it easier for soldiers to vote.

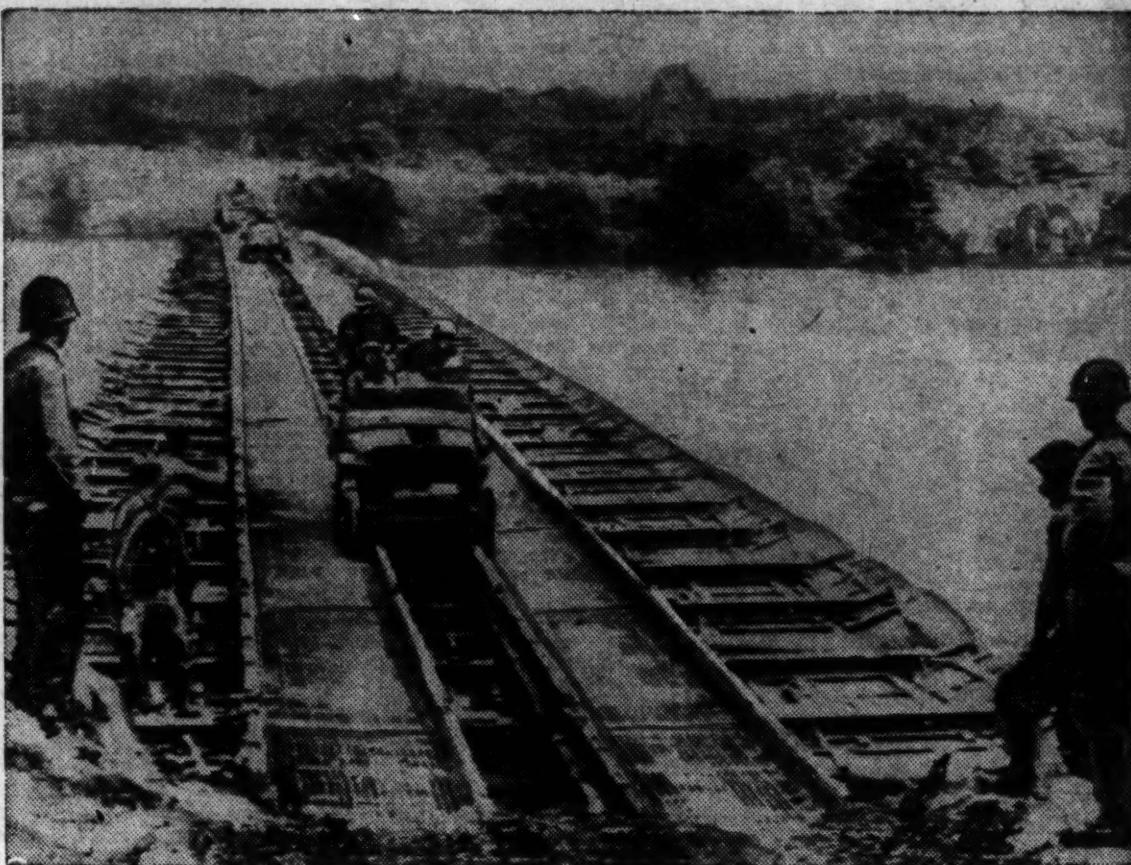
"What is wrong with extending the time of receiving ballots from soldiers from Nov. 3 to Dec. 10?" Fitzpatrick asked Gov. Dewey. He insisted that the governor call the said.

legislature into special session for one day to make this and other changes.

Dewey's "rather involved attempt to defend the vote law plainly indicates he is worried over the anger that is becoming greater on the part of the mothers and fathers of the servicemen and women," Fitzpatrick said.

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New York, Friday, September 1, 1944



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., commander of the U.S. Third Army, is shown in a jeep speeding across the Seine River southeast of Paris, over a pontoon bridge. He was the first U.S. Army commander to cross this river.

(Signal Corps Radiophoto)

The Veteran Commander

PNEUMATIC DRILL AND STEAM SHOVEL

IT HAS just been learned that the U.S. First Army under Gen. Hodges, which broke down the door for Patton's armor at Lessay and Periers a month ago, and which had been resting and refitting, has now "squeezed" itself between the British and Canadians on the sea-flank and Gen. Patton's on the right, or "hanging" flank of the Allied group of armies.

Thus, while Gen. Patton acts in the manner of a "pneumatic drill" loosening up the German groupings between the Marne and the Meuse and isolating the enemy grouping in the so-called "rocket area" from the southeast, Montgomery and Hodges are acting like a huge "steam shovel" pushing them straight toward the frontier of Belgium.

Montgomery with his British and Canadians have captured Rouen and Amiens, while Hodges with his Americans has captured Laon, only 35 miles from the border of Belgium. This means that the line of the Somme has been outflanked and will probably become another "sieve" for the "straining" of the German Seventh and 15th Armies of their materiel and manpower, just as the Seine did last week. The "box on the Seine" will be replaced by the "box on the Somme."

With the capture of Reims, the enemy is deprived of the largest communications center in this area controlling the trunk line running all the way from Calais via Abbeville, Amiens, Vitry to Strasbourg, as well as a number of others.

Gen. Patton's armor has thrust to within 80 miles of Germany's Saar frontier by capturing St. Dizier.

On the southern front of France, the Allied right flank has entered Nice and is heading for the Italian frontier, 12 miles to the east. The battle of annihilation against elements of the German 19th Army in the Rhone valley is proceeding.

A curious feature of the campaign in France is the almost complete lack of any reliable information as to what is happening in the "vacuum" between the Loire, the Bay of Biscay, the Pyrenees and the Rhone. Are there any Germans there? What is the FFI doing? We have only contradictory rumors from roundabout sources. It is probable that few Germans are there, because otherwise Patton and Patch would have tried to close the gap between their armies along the Geneva-Dijon-Troyes line, which remains wide open.

THE Red Army, in a swift advance of over 40 miles, has captured Ploesti and the entire region of the oil fields. It is almost in the outskirts of Bucharest. It has captured the line of the Yalominitsa River. It is nearing the border of Bulgaria near the Black Sea. It has seized Zernavoda with its huge bridge over the Danube (between Constanta and Bucharest).

Meanwhile the battle for the Narev line north of Warsaw is going on grimly and slowly, with the Germans offering stubborn resistance. The enemy has also stiffened considerably in Estonia.

Generally speaking, it must be admitted that German resistance is unbroken from the Gulf of Finland down to the Carpathian passes, and here the situation has little in common with that in France or Romania.

